

**Ferndale School District**  
**Student School Board Member Application**  
**2022-2024**

**ATTENTION INTERESTED SOPHOMORES**

**Student School Board Member Responsibilities**

Ferndale School Board (hereafter referred to as the Board) is seeking student candidates who want the opportunity to be involved with the Ferndale School District educational system. The role of Student School Board Members is to provide a student perspective into the decision-making process at the Board level. They sit at the table at all School Board meetings, participate in discussions with other Board Members, and may share their opinions on matters brought before the Board in open session. They do not participate in executive sessions nor raise concerns about confidential matters relating to students or school personnel in open session.

The elected School Board members will select one new Student School Board Member from Ferndale High School. The student they select will be a junior during the 2022-2023 school year and will be appointed for a two-year term (June 2022 through May 2024). The new member will join the existing Student School Board Member, Jazzie Gonzales, who is just finishing the first of her two-year term.

**Student School Board Member Responsibilities include:**

- Attend and actively participate in regular monthly School Board Business Meetings, which are usually held the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.
- Attend and actively participate in School Board Study Sessions and Special Meetings, which are generally held on one other night per month according to a schedule determined by Board members.
- Read relevant documents in preparation for meetings.
- Exchange information and opinions about topics brought before the Board.
- Prepare a short report on activities at their school to be delivered as a regular agenda item at each School Board Business Meeting.
- Be willing to listen to questions and concerns from constituents outside regular Board meetings.
- Take part in a School Board orientation program. (Approximately two hours).
- Participate in an eight-hour (approximately) School Board Summer Retreat (should such an event occur).
- Attend the annual Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) three-day conference in November of each year (optional) and the two-day Legislative Conference in Olympia each winter (optional).

**Desired Qualifications for Student School Board Members**

Desired qualifications include:

- Be a high school student in the Ferndale School District who attends at least three (3) periods per day on the Ferndale High School campus during the entire School Board term.

- Be in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2022-2023 school year.
- Possess effective communication skills.
- Promote a teamwork environment.
- Maintain academic standing equivalent to that required for participation in athletics or other student activities and maintain such academic standing throughout the term of office.
- Maintain personal standards of behavior appropriate for participation in student activities.
- Be willing to convey student opinions to the Board and to report Board deliberations and actions back to the high school student body.

## **Application Process for Student School Board Members**

- Interested students should request a Student School Board Member application form from Principal Ravinder Dhillon or complete the [online application form](#). Each student's parent(s) or guardian(s) must indicate their approval by signing the application.
- When the application is completed, the student should submit it to the high school principal or his/her designee.
- The high school principal will forward all completed applications to the Superintendent.
- The Superintendent will share applications with members of the School Board and schedule times for them to interview the candidates.
- The School Board will make the final selection of the one candidate who will serve during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

## **Timeline for Selection of Student School Board Members**

### **Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

Candidate Application Packets will be available from the high school principal and on the district website.

### **Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – 3:00PM**

Completed application packets must be submitted to the high school principal by 3:00 pm, either in hard copy, via email, or submitted online.

### **Friday, May 20, 2022**

All candidates who meet the qualifications listed above will be notified about a time for an interview with the School Board.

### **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

School Board members will interview candidates and select one to serve on the Board for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. School Board members will announce their selections at the meeting.

### **TBD**

The new Student School Board member will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled June School Board Business Meeting at 6:00 pm.

**Ferndale School Board  
Student School Board Member  
Application Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer each of the following questions in 200 words or less (per question).**

Why do you want to be part of the Ferndale School Board?

Have you had previous leadership or work experience? If so, please briefly describe it.

What strengths or skills would you bring to a position on the School Board?

What are some ways you might go about finding out what other students think about important school district issues?

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_