

State Board of Education seeks high school sophomores as junior representatives

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The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) is seeking applications from high school sophomores to serve as the new high school junior student representative on the SBE Board for the 2023-24 school year. The application deadline is January 27, 2023.

Now in its fifth year, the Student Representatives of the Mississippi State Board of Education program includes a high school junior and a high school senior, who serve as non-voting SBE members, to share their viewpoints on policy decisions regarding Mississippi's public schools.

The current SBE junior representative, Charlie Frugé of Oxford High School, will serve as the senior representative in 2023-24. Through a competitive process, the SBE will appoint a new junior representative to serve a two-year term starting July 1, 2023.

The top ten semi-finalists among applicants, including the junior representative

appointed and an alternate representative, automatically get to serve on the State Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. There were thirty-five students who applied to be the 2022-23 junior representative.

The SBE adopted policy in 2018 outlining criteria for adding student representatives to the State Board. Student representatives are responsible for attending monthly SBE meetings and any standing committees or subcommittees to which they are assigned. They are excused from school to attend SBE meetings as official school business, and they also work as liaisons for their peers to SBE.

The application packet must be mailed and postmarked by January 27, 2023. The application is available at www.mdek12.org/MBE/Student-Representatives. A video component of the application must be uploaded by 5 p.m. on January 27.

For questions, contact Donna Hales at 601-359-2331 or dhailes@mdek12.org.

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