

Application Packet

Bedford County School Board Student Advisory Committee

2009-2010 Academic Year



DEADLINE FOR
COMPLETED APPLICATION IS
May 29, 2009

The School Board is seeking nominations for the Student Advisory Committee for the 2009-2010 school year. The committee will be comprised of students from each high school, each middle school, and students from Bedford Science and Technology Center.

Only students in grades 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11 during the 2008-2009 school year may apply.

Students who will be in grades 7, 10, and 11 during the 2009-2010 school year will serve two (2) year terms. Students who will be in grades 8 and 12 during the 2009-2010 school year will serve one (1) year terms.

(Students intending to return for their second (2nd) year on the Committee will need only to fill out and return pages 4, 6, and 7, and indicate on page 4 that they served on the committee the previous year).

The committee will meet a total of three (3) times during the school year, and will also give an annual report to school board members at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Bedford County School Board. **Transportation will be provided to and from each of the three (3) regular meetings for students who need it.**

Nominations may be submitted as follows:

The nomination process is open to all students enrolled in a Bedford County high school or middle school. Students who are nominated for this program should be well versed in a broad spectrum of topics that relate to school life. Their academic progress should be strong enough to allow them to miss classes for committee meetings on several days throughout the year.

In order to qualify, students will need letters of recommendation from no less than two (2) and no more than three (3) teachers at their school. Ninth graders may use one recommendation from a previous middle school teacher. Each recommendation must come from a different subject area.

Applicants selected to serve on the Student Advisory Committee should reflect interests from a variety of school-related areas, including academics, athletics, fine arts, career and technical areas, student government, and club leadership. Students applying to serve on the committee should demonstrate:

Solid academic performance.

Strong communication and leadership skills.

Involvement in a variety of co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities.

A desire to help promote the school division's goals and plans.

Meeting Schedule and Location:

The School Board will set the agenda for the Committee at the beginning of each school year, and two (2) members of the Board will attend each Committee meeting. Meeting location will also be established at the beginning of each school year.

Attendance at each meeting is imperative. Students who feel they will not be able to attend all meetings should not apply. Meetings missed for non-emergency purposes can result in dismissal from the Committee, and termination of the student's term.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 22, 2009, 12:45pm – 2:25pm, School Board Conference Room

Thursday, January 28, 2010, 12:45pm – 2:25pm, School Board Conference Room

Thursday, March 25, 2010, 12:45pm – 2:25pm, School Board Conference Room

Thursday, April 22, 2010, 7pm, Bedford Science and Technology Center (Student Committee Report To The Board)

Application Deadline:

Completed applications must be submitted to the school principal. The principal will then forward the application to the superintendent.

The application period will run from May 1 through May 31 each school year. No applications will be accepted after the end of the last school day of each May.

Selection Committee:

A selection committee comprised of members from the School Board will review the applications. Students applying to serve on the Student Advisory Committee will be notified of the selection committee's decisions at the end of the review process.

The Bedford County School Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

There are four parts to this application:

Part A - Student application to be completed by the student

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Part B - Parent/Guardian form to be completed by the parent or guardian

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Part C - School nomination form to be completed by a school official (e.g., principal, assistant principal, guidance counselor)

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Part D – No less than two (2) and no more than three (3) recommendation letters from teachers in different subject areas.

Part A - Student Application (Please print legibly.)

Name of student: _____

E-mail: _____ Parents' Emails _____

Home phone number _____

Current grade level (circle) **6 7 9 10 11**

Name of school: _____

Principal: _____

I, _____, agree to participate in all activities and assignments that are part of the committee and to attend all scheduled meetings. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Bedford County School Board. I understand that failure to abide by these rules and regulations or refusal to participate in events and activities that are part of the committee will be just cause for dismissal from the committee. I agree to work hard to represent my peers to the best of my ability.

Date

Signature of Student

Part A: Student Application (continued)

Please respond to the three questions shown below on a separate sheet of paper. Your responses to the following questions are limited to two typed pages (total for all three questions), single-spaced, twelve-point font, with one-inch margins.

1.

How do you think the Student Advisory Committee can contribute to the work of the Bedford County School Board?

2.

Discuss three of the most important issues or concerns that impact students attending your school.

3.

Discuss experiences that you have had in your own personal or academic life that would help you contribute effectively to the Board's Student Advisory Committee. These might include experiences from academic life, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, work or volunteer experience, and/or personal and social experiences.

Please attach your answers to this part of the application and include with your application packet.

Please include Parts A, B, C, and D in the packet.
Incomplete packets cannot be accepted.

Part B - Parent/Guardian Form

Name of student:

Parent/Guardian:

I, the parent (guardian) of _____, permit him/her to apply to serve as a member of the Bedford County School Board's Student Advisory Committee. I understand that my son or daughter must participate in all activities of the committee, including attending all meetings. I agree that, if selected for the committee, my son or daughter will abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Bedford County School Board. I grant permission for my child to be photographed and for his or her image to be distributed to media outlets to showcase the committee.

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Please attach this page to the application packet.

Part C - School Nomination Form

Name of student:

Principal: _____

Name of school: _____

I hereby certify that _____ is academically qualified and is genuinely interested in serving as a member of the Bedford County School Board's Student Advisory Committee. I understand that the student will miss time from school for this activity, and I (or designee) have discussed the impact of such an absence with the student and his/her parents and teachers.

Date

Signature of Principal

Please attach this page to the application packet.

Part D - Letter of Recommendation

No less than two (2) and no more than three (3) letters of recommendation from teachers in different subject areas must be included in the application packet. Refer to the first part of the packet for additional information.

The letters of recommendation should include the following information:

1. Student's name
2. Courses and/or activities the student has pursued with the recommending teacher
3. The quality of the student's work and/or leadership ability in school or work activities
4. An assessment of the student's communication and leadership skills
5. Signature of the recommending teacher

Please attach the letter to the application packet.