



MSHSAA STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Missouri State High School Activities Association is proud to host a Student Advisory Committee! Our member schools have many opportunities to influence the direction of the association through Advisory Committees. Students are important stakeholders. In fact, they are THE most important stakeholders in the mission of MSHSAA, and making them part of the process is going to enhance high school sports and activities in the state of Missouri.

The students selected for the Student Advisory Committee will be a voice for thousands of their peers throughout the state. Their contribution to the process gives important insight into the student experience in our member schools. Participation provides valuable opportunities for students to build knowledge and skills in the areas of leadership, large organizational governance, communication, decision-making, and messaging. The value for students on the committee and those they represent will be matched with the value to our association by their involvement.

We are incredibly excited to meet and work beside the students on the Student Advisory Committee. Student voice and experiences is at the core of what we do!

Sincerely,



Dr. Jennifer Rukstad
Executive Director





MSHSAA Board of Directors

MSHSAA Staff Liaison - Assistant
Executive Director Marty Marsh






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What does the Student Advisory Committee do?

-  Promote the development of leadership, sportsmanship, and citizenship skills. Cultivate skills needed within athletic and activities programs/arenas. Recognize outstanding achievements of stakeholders.
-  Serve as a sounding board of student voices for the advisory committees that influence the athletics/activities programs within the MSHSAA.
-  Assist with various association functions, including but not limited to championship/festival and leadership events, area meetings, school assemblies, etc.
-  Serve as a liaison to the NFHS Student Leadership Conference. Solicit student voices.
-  Promote the values and purposes of the MSHSAA while cultivating a statewide athletic/activity community.

When does the Student Advisory Committee meet?

- Annual Organizational Retreat
- In conjunction with select MSHSAA State Championships or Festivals – two events per school year
- Annual State Leadership Conference



What are other obligations of the Student Advisory Committee?

- Attendance and participation in conjunction with various MSHSAA State Championships and Festivals (in subgroups)
- Attendance and participation in conjunction with the MSHSAA Area Meetings and 101 Meetings for the applicable district or region (in subgroups)



Who will serve on the Student Advisory Committee?



Two high school students, one senior and one junior, representing each MSHSAA Board District and At-Large Region - twenty members total. The four At-Large members must reflect underrepresented race or gender. Terms will be staggered, with the committee composed each year of ten seniors and ten juniors. Each spring, ten current sophomores will be selected to serve a two year term during their junior and senior years.

How will the Student Advisory Committee be started the first year?

The Student Advisory Committee will be developed in two phases, to be fully operational at the start of the 2022-23 school year. Immediately, Phase 1 will see ten current juniors selected to serve during their senior year. This group will serve a one year term. Some organizing within this group will begin during the current school year. The nomination/application portal is open effective January 9, 2023.

Application completion deadline is 5:00 p.m. February 28, 2023. Phase II will occur during Spring 2023 with ten current sophomores selected to serve two year terms during their junior and senior years. Specifics will be shared with member schools at that time.



How is a student selected to serve on the Student Advisory Committee?

To be considered, students must first be nominated by their school administration. Students will then complete an online application to be approved by the member school. The MSHSAA Board Member for the specific Board District or At-large Region will review the approved applications for the applicable district or region, and will select the students for appointment to the Student Advisory Committee. MSHSAA staff will subsequently communicate with Student Advisory Committee appointees through the member school administration.



How do I get started nominating my students?

School Administrators can access the Student Advisory Committee Applications portal on the MSHSAA website by navigating to your school home page, selecting the Student Eligibility tab, and then selecting the link for Student Advisory Committee Applications. Applications are being accepted now.



