



The School Board is accepting applications for the Student Leadership Development Program, open to any high school freshman, sophomore, or junior in good academic standing. The program is for students interested in a future in law, government or public policy. Twelve students will be chosen to work closely with the School Board to how FCPS is governed and will give the students opportunities to participate on various advisory committees to the School Board, and even to seek election as the student representative on the School Board.

The Student Leaders attend and participate in:

- Group orientation (December 2024)
- School Board Forum or Committee Meeting (January – March 2025)
- School Board Work Session (January – March 2025)
- Mock Forum (Spring 2025)
- Mock Work Session (Spring 2025)
- Program Completion Ceremony (June 2025)

[Applications](#) for this year's program are available on the FCPS website under School Board. Students should submit the brief application, program requirements form, and one-page statement of interest to their principals by **September 30, 2024**. Principals will submit applications to the School Board Office by **October 15, 2024**. Each School Board member will select one student from their magisterial district, and the at-large members will select one student from all the applications received. The selected student leaders and remaining applicants will be notified by email by November 15, 2024.

Principals are encouraged to help advertise the program in the following ways:

1. Include it in the daily announcements.
2. Request that the government teachers provide the information to their freshman, sophomores, and juniors.
3. Request that the guidance counselors and career center specialists provide the information to their underclassmen.

For questions, please contact the School Board Office at 571-423-1075.



# THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 5400, Falls Church, VA 22042

## Requirements for the 2024-2025 Student Leadership Development Program

To successfully complete the program, you must attend and observe one of each of the following School Board meetings:

- **School Board Work Session** – takes place at Gatehouse Administration Center (GAC)
- **School Board Regular Meeting** – takes place at Jackson Middle School (JMS)
- **School Board Forum or Standing Committee Meeting** – takes place at GAC
- **School Board Public Hearing\*** – takes place at JMS *(\*virtual option)*

Please select your Top 3 preferences for Regular Meetings and Work Sessions. This does not commit you to attending on that date, but does help with program planning for this school year.

**One Forum or Standing Committee Meeting:** Forum Topics will be determined at a later date and communicated to those students selected for the program at the orientation session. Check the [School Board Annual Work Plan](#) for dates for Standing Committee meetings.

**One Regular Meeting:** between January—May (*your choice*):

Check the [School Board Annual Work Plan](#) for dates

Jackson MS Auditorium—7:00 p.m.

Please write your preferred dates to attend this meeting

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**One Work Session:** in January or February (*your choice*)

Check the [School Board Annual Work Plan](#) for dates

Gatehouse Administration Center (GAC)—Room 1600

All Day Work Session: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (*attend a portion, not entire day*)

PM Work Session: 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (*attend a portion, not entire day*)

Please write your preferred dates to attend this meeting

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**One Public Hearing:** — Jackson MS Auditorium

**Must Attend OR Observe:** You may attend at Jackson MS Auditorium, watch the Channel 21 broadcast, or view a video stream on your mobile device. (*your choice*)

Check the [School Board Annual Work Plan](#) for dates

*Note: Additional Program Requirements and information will be communicated to selected students at the orientation.*



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## STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2024-2025 APPLICATION FORM

Students are invited to participate in the School Board's Student Leadership Development Program to gain a better understanding of how the school system is governed. Any high school or alternative high school freshman, sophomore, or junior in good academic standing is eligible. ***Students who are interested in participating must submit a one-page statement of interest to their principal before September 30, 2024.*** The statement should include: 1) why the student is applying; 2) what he or she hopes to accomplish by participating in the leadership development program; and 3) whether he or she intends to run for the student representative position on the School Board in the future.

The principal will evaluate the statement of interest, as well as the student's academic, extracurricular, and disciplinary record, and nominate no more than five students. Students should be recommended because of their overall commitment, interest, enthusiasm, and leadership potential viewed in totality. Thus, a C average student with some disciplinary infractions but who shows great potential as a leader could participate in the program.

***The principal will forward the applications of their school's nominees to the School Board Office via [SBStudentLeadership@fcps.edu](mailto:SBStudentLeadership@fcps.edu) by October 15, 2024.***

The appropriate district and at-large Board members will then consider and select 12 students for the program. ***Students will be notified of their selection status via email on November 15, 2024.***

Please complete the following information and attach this application, the program requirements form, and a one-page statement of interest for submission to your principal. (The statement of interest must include the student's name.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need transportation to program events: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's signature and date

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Parent's signature and date

**STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

*(Applications must be submitted to your principal prior to September 30, 2024)*

Your statement should include: 1) why you are applying; 2) what you hope to accomplish by participating in the leadership development program; and 3) whether you intend to run for the student representative position on the School Board in the future.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_