THE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE

The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is convening a Student Engagement Collaborative to provide student members on state boards of education with six months of virtual cross-state collaboration opportunities, training in policy analysis and action plan development, and technical assistance to support participants in addressing an issue related to student health and wellness in their state. State boards play a vital role in ensuring the education system meets the needs of students of all backgrounds and circumstances. As we recover from the pandemic, active student board members can provide state leaders with valuable insights for meeting students’ needs and ensuring the recovery effort is student-centered.

THE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO:

• collaborate with student board members from around the country who are either currently serving or have served previously;
• learn from national subject matter experts on policymaking best practices and receive mentorship from a non-student member of the student’s own state board of education;
• develop an action plan based on data, research, and policy analysis to address a school health issue;
• educate state leaders on opportunities to engage students in decision-making and the benefits of youth-adult partnerships; and
• share views and action recommendations with state leaders during webinars, national conferences, and through published resources.

EACH MEMBER OF THE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE IS EXPECTED TO:

• attend three 90-minute virtual meetings tentatively scheduled for 7:00 to 8:30 pm ET on the second Thursdays of August, October, and December;
• work with a state board mentor to better understand state board processes related to the action plan and make connections with other state board members or state education agency staff;
• attend regional check-ins in the third week of September and November to support student-adult pairings and provide technical assistance as needed; and
• present an action plan during the final meeting in December to receive feedback and prepare for a presentation to the state board of education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE? All appointed voting or nonvoting student members on state boards of education are invited to apply. NASBE is committed to building an inclusive learning experience for Collaborative participants and welcomes diversity of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability.

INTERESTED? Student board members interested in participating must complete this form by July 29, 2022. A welcome package with additional details will be distributed on August 5, 2022. For questions, contact Celina Pierrottet, NASBE’s Research and Policy Associate at celina.pierrottet@nasbe.org.