

Superintendent's Office

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Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

SSAC is a district committee made up of student leaders from WRAMS, LHS, and RCHS. The purpose of the SSAC is to provide the superintendent and other district employees with feedback on ways the District can improve students' overall experiences in our schools, fostering two-way communication between the superintendent and the students. SSAC members will be charged with seeking input from their peers concerning a wide range of topics and for sharing those perspectives — not simply their own — with the advisory council.

What is the purpose of SSAC?

Engaging with and collaborating among students is essential for creating a successful educational environment and learning experience. SSAC will be a space where students can use their voice, share ideas, and advise on issues that are important to WRPS students.

- Voice -- Strengthen communication and relationships between students and administrators to enhance students' educational experiences.
- Share -- Share innovative ideas, express concerns, and make recommendations to create opportunities for all students.
- Advise -- Act in an advisory capacity to the superintendent on issues related to WRPS students.

Members will also be tasked with creating a Showcase Project to enhance their school's culture, developing a plan to achieve this goal, and showcasing their progress/results at the SSAC Showcase.

What is the structure of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council?

Students from grades 6-12 are eligible to be members and will serve as representatives of their school. Students participating in the SSAC will serve as liaisons between their school and the district office. SSAC is composed of 24 students (3 per grade level/building).

What is the process for students interested in serving on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council?

- If you are interested in serving on the SSAC, you will need to apply.
- The deadline to apply to the 2025-2026 advisory council is Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- Applications are available on the WRPS website under "<u>District Info</u>" or at this <u>link</u>.
 Students will need to be logged into their Google School Account to submit an application.

How are the members chosen?

To ensure board representation, applications for potential members will be evaluated on a variety of factors, including grade levels.

When will the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council meetings be held?

- Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., rotating between WRAMS and LHS.
- Lunch will be provided on all meeting dates.
- Students will be provided with transportation to the meeting, as necessary.
- Students will be excused from class for these meetings and will be allowed to make up any work missed. It will be the student's responsibility to complete the missed work.
- Meeting dates for the 2025-26 school year will be
 - o Thursday, October 2, 2025.
 - o Thursday, November 6, 2025
 - o Thursday, December 4, 2025
 - o Friday, January 9, 2026**
 - o Thursday, February 5, 2026
 - o Thursday, March 5, 2026
 - o Thursday, April 2, 2026
 - o Thursday, May 7, 2026

How are meeting agendas developed?

Although the Superintendent will develop an agenda for each meeting, students may submit discussion items for consideration to Christine Wefel, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

What will be expected of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council?

- Attend scheduled meetings.
- Prepare for each meeting as needed.
- Work collaboratively with each other and with school staff as needed.
- Express views and opinions openly, constructively, and respectfully.
- Develop and present a Showcase Project to improve the District.
 - Identify a goal they would improve their school/the District.
 - o Create a plan to meet that goal.
 - Act on that plan.
 - Share what they learned/their results (this can be completed as a solo or group initiative).

When will the Showcase Projects be presented?

Projects will be presented on Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.