

Board of Delegates Election Framework

The Michigan Student Leadership Board of Delegates is composed of student leaders from across the state who help guide programs, represent student voice, and support leadership development initiatives. The following framework outlines how members are selected to ensure both statewide representation and leadership excellence.



Board Composition Framework

1. Geographic Representation

Each of our 12 Centers is guaranteed two representatives to ensure statewide voice and regional equity. If a Center has fewer than two qualified applicants, those remaining seats become additional At-Large opportunities.

2. Statewide Excellence

At-Large seats are awarded to highly qualified applicants from across Michigan based on overall evaluation scores and demonstrated leadership readiness, regardless of Center affiliation.

3. Leadership Continuity

Whenever possible, at least one of the two Center representatives is a current sophomore. This approach supports a multi-year leadership development model, strengthens institutional knowledge, and helps ensure continuity in Board leadership and programming.

4. Student-Led Integrity

Applications are evaluated by the current Board of Delegates using a standardized rubric designed to ensure fairness, consistency, and alignment with leadership expectations.

Center Seat Selection Philosophy

Center seats are designed to ensure equitable geographic representation and authentic statewide voice on the Board of Delegates.

Each of the 12 Centers is guaranteed two representatives to reflect the diverse perspectives, school communities, and regional experiences across Michigan. This structure helps ensure that decisions and initiatives reflect the needs of students across the entire state.

To support continuity and long-term effectiveness, the selection process prioritizes having at least one sophomore Center representative when qualified candidates are available. This multi-year approach supports mentorship, leadership development, and sustainable organizational knowledge across election cycles.

Center seats are awarded based on evaluation rubric scores, interview performance, leadership readiness, and alignment with the expectations of the Board of Delegates. While geographic representation is foundational, selected candidates must demonstrate readiness to actively contribute to the work and responsibilities of the Board.

Qualified applicants are those who meet the expectations outlined in the evaluation rubric and demonstrate the ability to meaningfully contribute to the leadership and service responsibilities of the Board of Delegates.

At-Large Seats: Statewide Excellence Positions

At-Large seats are designed to ensure the overall strength, balance, and operational capacity of the Board of Delegates.

While each Center is guaranteed representation, At-Large seats allow highly qualified applicants from across Michigan to serve beyond geographic allocation. These positions help ensure the Board remains strong, balanced, and effective in supporting student leadership across the state.

At-Large seats are awarded based on evaluation rubric scores, interview performance, leadership readiness, and alignment with the expectations of the Board of Delegates. In final selections, consideration may also be given to overall board balance, grade-level distribution, and long-term program sustainability.

Role of the Board of Delegates

Members of the Board of Delegates help facilitate leadership programs, represent student voice across Michigan, and support statewide student leadership initiatives throughout the year. Through their service, board members contribute to the development of leadership experiences that benefit schools and student leaders across the state.