

# STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL TERMS OF REFERENCE

## PURPOSE

Manitoba students are the cornerstone of our education system, and their perspectives are crucial in guiding the decisions that impact them. The Student Advisory Council empowers young people to actively participate and share their insights with the department, playing a significant role in shaping the future of our education system.

## ELIGIBILITY

Council members

- are Manitoba residents
- are in Grades 9 to 12 as of September 1 in the school year in which they serve
- represent the diversity of Manitoba students
- have an interest in issues related to education
- have the ability to work with other people and on a team
- engage in respectful, open discussions, and are accepting of differing viewpoints
- may not be employed by the Manitoba government
- are willing to serve for a one-year term

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The Student Advisory Council members are responsible for

- attending meetings
- participating in discussions/consultations to provide input to the Minister on aspects of the education system and how they affect the children and young people who use them
- bringing youth insights to the department and the education sector to help inform our work
- providing other students with ways to share their perspectives and advice

- providing feedback to requests on department products (for example, surveys/discussion papers)
- working collaboratively

## **TIME COMMITMENT**

The Student Advisory Council is expected to meet at least four times within its year-long mandate; however, there may be additional sub-meetings to attend.

## **REMUNERATION**

There is no remuneration. Council members from outside Winnipeg will be reimbursed reasonable travel expenses as per the Province of Manitoba's travel and accommodation policies.