

# POLICY

**PATERSON**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

PUPILS  
5820 Page 1 of 1  
Student Government

5820 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Board of Education acknowledges the importance of offering pupils the opportunity to participate in self-government within the framework of the schools. Pupils shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives and petition the Board.

The Board of Education authorizes organization of student councils.

The Board of Education will recognize the student councils in order to:

1. Give pupils practical experience in organizing, planning and effecting outcomes;
2. Develop pupil leadership;
3. Provide a learning experience in democratic decision-making; and
4. Offer another avenue toward the realization of the goals of this district.

The Board of Education shall appoint qualified members of the faculty to serve as advisors to student government activities.

Adopted: 31 October 2002



---