

So, you want to be a Student Trustee?

Information you need to know about becoming a student trustee

Positions available:

- **Indigenous student trustee:** For students who self-identify as Indigenous
- **County student trustee:** Representing Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford County schools
- **City student trustee:** Representing City of London schools

Eligibility:

- Full-time student in senior division or equivalent program
- Only one student per school can run, so talk to your principal and get your parents' support

Term length

Student trustees serve for a one-year term running from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2026. A student trustee may run for a second term, assuming they will be returning to secondary school the next year.

Responsibilities:

- Attend all Board and committee meetings (usually Tuesday evenings).
- Advocate for student voices in Board decisions.
- Stay updated on education issues.
- Follow Board rules and keep confidential info private.
- Represent and talk with students, keeping them up to date.
- Co-chair monthly Student Advisory Council (SAC) meetings.
- Lead SAC with clear goals for student achievement and well-being.
- Communicate SAC recommendations to the Board.
- Mentor new student trustees.

Election information:

Indigenous Student Trustee Debate and Election

- **Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025
- **Time:** 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- **Location:** Education Centre, 1250 Dundas St, London

Student Trustee Debate and Election

- **Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2025
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- **Location:** Education Centre, 1250 Dundas St, London



Debate process:

1. **Q&A:** Each candidate answers two random questions in two minutes.
2. **Common questions:** All candidates answer the same questions in two minutes each.
3. **Speeches:** Each candidate has five minutes to explain why they should be elected.
4. **Observer questions:** Voting delegates and observers ask questions.

Voting process:

- Voting will be in person via Google Forms.
- A majority vote (more than half) is needed to elect a trustee. If there's no majority, the candidate with the fewest votes is removed, and another vote is taken. In case of a tie, a final vote will be held, and if still tied, the winner is chosen by drawing numbers.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to come and observe silently.