

Application for 2014-2015 IDOE Student Advisory Council

DEADLINE: January 16, 2015

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites students from around the state to apply for membership on the state's first Student Advisory Council (SAC). The purpose of the SAC will be to research issues and advise the Superintendent of Public Instruction on matters that are of concern to students in the state. Membership will be apportioned by congressional district, with each Indiana congressional district having one student representative that will serve on the council until graduation. Additionally, one student will be selected statewide to serve as an at-large member of the council. Twice per year the SAC will meet with IDOE staff and the Superintendent. As part of the program, students will be paired with their principal as a mentor throughout the year. Students selected to serve on the council will serve until graduation.

To view a map of Indiana's congressional districts [click here](#).

Membership Requirements

- High school junior or senior with an interest in improving Indiana education policy
- Good academic standing
- Ability to attend two meetings in Indianapolis per school year (2/26/15 and 4/17/15)
- Ability to attend any additional virtual meetings that may be needed

Application Process

Each Indiana high school is invited to submit a student application for the SAC. In order to ensure high-quality applications, IDOE asks that each high school only submit one application. Applications should be submitted by principals to studentadvisorycouncil@doe.in.gov no later than Friday, January 16, 2015.

Please include the following information in your application:

- Student's name, email address and grade level
- School corporation, school name, school address and phone number
- Your principal's name, email address and a brief recommendation indicating why the student should be a member of the SAC
- In no more than 350 words, answer the following questions in an essay.
 1. If there was one thing you could improve about education in Indiana, what would it be?
What education policies and issues are the most important to you?

Please direct any questions about the application process or the Student Advisory Council to Steve Walsh at swalsh@doe.in.gov.