



Student Voices Session FAQs

Who are the attendees?

Ninety percent of the attendees will be school board members from Texas public school districts. They come from all walks of life, from small, rural districts to large, urban districts. As school trustees, they advocate for their students, their districts, and for public education. They are publicly elected volunteers. Their primary focus is to make sure the district provides the resources necessary for the educational success of all students.

What kind of information should we present?

Sessions should provide information about best practices as they pertain to successful student learning and a positive educational experience. Did your students organize a club that makes the campus feel safe and welcome to all? Do your students actively engage in leadership activities that connect what adults think students need to what students really say they need? Does your district actively involve students in student advisory and leadership activities? Are there classroom activities proven to improve learning and engage students in critical and global thinking that the students can demonstrate and lead attendees in that learning journey?

How should we present the information?

The best way to engage adult learners is a mix of lecture, hands-on, and interactive learning. Feel free to have multi-media presentations that incorporate videos, photos, links to websites, etc.

How much 'content' should we plan to present?

The breakout sessions are 60 minutes. We recommend that you prepare no less than 55 minutes of content (including hands-on activities) and allow for Q&A throughout the session. Consider leaving about five minutes at the end for the attendees and student presenters to interact and visit informally.

How do we submit a session?

There is a submission form for the Student Voices sessions. You just need to follow the directions provided on the form. **Note:** The form allows for one main presenter and four copresenters. That doesn't mean you can't bring more, but there is a limit to the number of presenters listed in the program due to space.

If selected, when will the Student Voices sessions be scheduled?

All student voice sessions will be scheduled on Friday, February 22. The general session begins at 8 a.m., and the last session of the day ends at 4:30 p.m.

How will the meeting rooms be arranged?

Meeting rooms will be set in a variety of formats. If you have something specific in mind, please let TASB staff know, and we'll do our best to accommodate that arrangement.

Should we have handouts? Can we bring props, etc.?

Feel free to produce a handout or not. In the spirit of going green, we encourage our presenters to create a PDF of their presentation and allow us to post on our conference resources page. If we post your handout, consider adding additional digital content and resources. TASB will produce attendee handouts (four-page limit) if the document is sent via email by the due date. Feel free to bring props that ensure your session is the best it can be!

We're traveling to the event. Will there be any compensation for our travel expenses?

Texas ISDs will receive a \$300 travel stipend at the event to assist with costs. TASB will provide hotel accommodations for those districts that require an overnight stay. Students are expected to double/triple up and should be accompanied by an adult, preferably an employee of the district. Students and district staff are welcome and encouraged to join the attendees for breakfast and lunch during the conference. *Out-of-state presenters will be reimbursed for expenses on a case-by-case basis.*

Additional information will be provided if your session is accepted.



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