



Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/>

Affiliated with the National Association of Student Councils

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Mission Statement

The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students. (Leadership Development & Youth Collaboration; Legislative Advocacy; Student Service Learning)

Student Leaders



Local School Student Councils



(Optional: Regions—comprised of school student councils from one county, a group of counties or Baltimore City. Not all schools have a county/regional organization)

MASC Executive Board—comprised of four elected officers (president, 1st vice president [HS], 2nd vice president [MS], and treasurer); *appointed staff positions; regional presidents, middle school representatives, and student members on Boards of Education (SMOB); State SMOB; regional advisors and MASC executive director (advisors have all rights save suffrage)

MASC General Assembly – comprised of the member schools and executive board; Convenes during the Fall Leadership Conference (if needed to conduct business), the Legislative Session, and Convention.

Calendar Overview *(Special Interest Webinars for students and advisors held throughout the year)*

May: Staff Interviews & Appointment of Staff; Executive Board Meeting (swearing in of new officers & confirmation of newly appointed staff)
June: Officer's Retreat; Staff Development Day; National VISION Leadership Conference;
July: Staff work and department conference calls
August: "Advance" (overnight) – Workshop Presenter Certification, Fall Leadership Conference Training, and Executive Board meeting
September: Workshop Presenter Certification
October: SMOB Informational Webinar; Voter Registration Webinar or other Civic Educational Webinar
November: Fall Leadership Conference
December: Executive Board Meeting; Legislative Session Training
January: State SMOB Interviews; Legislative Session – election of the two SMOB nominees and stances on youth-related Bills in the MD GA
February: Executive Board Meeting
March: Convention (3-day event) – Election of MASC officers, Motivational Speaker, Student-led workshops, Awards Banquet & Program
April: staff applications; Action in Middle School (AIMS) Kick-off Event

***Appointed Staff Positions** are subject to change with new officer elections – defined in Operating Principles, which are approved yearly:

- Chief of Staff
- Operations Director
- Communications Director
- Special Issues Director
- Legislative Director
- Secretary
- Divisional Liaisons (8 divisions)
- Environmental Affairs Coordinator
- Evaluations
- Historians
- Parliamentarian
- Publications Coordinator
- Social Media Managers
- Service Coordinators
- State Legislative Affairs (SLACer)
- MD Center for School Safety ([Advisory](#) - voting and [Subcabinet](#) {observer})
- Student Workshop Coordinator(s)
- Technical Operations Coordinator
- Wellness Coordinator

Awards:

- Wayne Perry HS Principal of the Year
- Dr. Deborah Dennie MS Principal of the Year
- Mike Michaelson HS Advisor of the Year
- MS Advisor of the Year
- MS & HS Felix Simon Awards (*student council leadership and service*)
- Susan Nash Travetto Friend of MASC Award
- Catherine Nora Murray Unsung Hero Award
- Karen L. Crawford Regional Advisor of the Year
- Outstanding Student Leaders Recognition
- Conference Hosts Recognition



Monthly Open Forums:

- Action in Middle School (AIMS)
- Divisional Forums

advocacy
opportunity
challenges
confidence
service
leadership
dedication
communication
MASC
attitude teamwork



State Student Member on the Board of Education (SMOB):

Since 1985, Maryland has an appointed student member on the State Board of Education. MASC elects the two finalists and the Governor appoints one student. The student has all voting rights as the adult members except for matter of negative personnel. Most of the counties in Maryland have SMOBS, varying from no vote, recorded opinion vote, partial vote, no negative personal, and one with full voting privileges.

MASC is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Legislative Advocacy:

In building relationships with their legislators. MASC takes stances on youth-related bills and advocates in Annapolis, our state capital, at committee hearings. MASC appoints students to the [MD Youth Advisory Council](#) (MYAC), part of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services & to the Maryland Center for School Safety (MD Government)

MASC CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

MASC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or genetic information in its programs and activities and provides equal access and a welcoming environment to all groups.

Collaboration: MD State Dept. of Ed. MD Center for School Safety, MD Assoc. of Secondary School Principals, Business Roundtable for Education, MD Civic Ed. Coalition, Accountability and Implementation Board, Council of Ed. Admin., & Supervisory Organ. of MD— plus others!