

Student Board of Education (SBOE)

We, the members of the Denver Public Schools Student Board of Education (SBOE), enhance the performance of our school by:

- Promoting student voice and leadership
- Building powerful relationships among students and between students and adults
- Creating a positive school environment
- Fostering our school and district goals

What is SBOE?

- SBOE serves a unique and important role in Denver Public Schools as an internal organization that empowers high school students to advocate for their peers at the school and district level.

How it works?

- 14 high school teams (Junior and Senior representative)
- One teacher coach, and administrative leader
- Meet with school leaders and SBOE director monthly
- A student seat on the Collaborative School Committee (CSC- school governing board)
- School class and team meet at least twice a week
- SBOE Leaders from all schools meet twice a month for leadership and project management training
- Regularly engage with school district representatives, including the Superintendent, during these meetings
- 4-student executive team leaders serving as the core representatives with paid positions
- Collaborate with the Board of Education (BOE) six times a year

Types of Projects

SBOE Change Project

- Focus on creating change in the school culture and climate from a student lens
- Design, implement, and evaluate 1 project each school year – earn a Lean Practitioner project management certification
- Align with the schools UIP and the School Performance Framework (SPF)

Aspen Challenge: Denver

- 20 schools
- Real world challenges and student solutions
- Encouraged to make a sustainable impact in our communities through innovative ideas
- School teams composed of: 8 students, a teacher coach and principal

Major Successes

- First ever SBOE student-led Board of Education Candidate Forum
- DPS Gala presentations
- New school selection process participation
- Student focus groups participation
- Ex. Denver Plan, Distribution of Funding for the Art Departments
- Top 3 winning SBOE school representation at the Aspen Ideas Festival
 - George Washington HS – Vow to be Happy
 - CEC Middle College – DNA – Denver Not Alone
 - North HS – P.L.A.Y Denver

