

How can I get involved?

There are a variety of ways for students to be involved in MCR-SGA. They include:

-- Attending general assemblies. Schools are encouraged to send their fully allotted delegate slate. Based on the number of students enrolled in the member school (as specified in the MCR-SGA by-laws), schools usually send 6-10 voting delegates and an equal number of observers.

-- Becoming a MCR-SGA liaison. Each high school is allotted a MCR liaison, who is an additional voting delegate. Students can become the designated MCR liaison for their high school. Some schools elect their MCR-SGA liaison, however, in many cases, the school's president appoints this person.

-- Serving as a MCR-SGA staff member. MCR-SGA staff applications are accepted in the spring of each school year for the upcoming year.

-- Participating in Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) events. Every school receives information from MASC, the state-level, secondary student government organization. Montgomery County Public Schools actively supports the participation of school student governments in MASC events and the county-level student government.

What does MCR-SGA do?

The executive committee, consisting of elected officers, appointed staff, and high school student government presidents and MCR-SGA liaisons, meets on a regular basis. MCR represents high school students and provides leadership in a variety of ways. MCR-SGA hosts eight general assemblies, where students from across the county meet together.

-- Small group "breakout" sessions during general assemblies: breakouts allow students to meet in a smaller setting and discuss a variety of topics.

-- Speakers at general assembly and executive committee: invited speakers share their views and inform students of current issues. Leaders in the fields of education, politics, and others share their wisdom with students, as well as generating questions and opinions from the participants.

-- Legislation: delegates write legislation and take action on issues that affect students.

-- Lobbying events: lobbying activities are facilitated on the county and state levels. MCR-SGA delegates testify at Board of Education meetings during the public testimony and participate in the MCR-SGA and Maryland Association of Student Councils legislative lobbying day.

-- MCR-SGA strongly supports and participates in the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) conferences and conventions.

When does MCR-SGA meet?

General Assemblies are convened seven times a year at host high schools around the county. Schools are required to register attending delegates and observers several weeks before the meeting in order to reserve a bus.

Students are required to ride the bus.



General Assembly registration begins at 10:00am. The meeting is from 10:30am to 12:45pm. Students may bring their own lunch or purchase a lunch at the host school.

Call the Student Affairs Office (301-670-1419) for information about hosting a MCR-SGA General Assembly.

The 2008-2009 General Assembly schedule is:

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Thursday, October 30, 2008

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Friday, December 19, 2008

Friday, February 20, 2009

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Thursday, April 23, 2009

If a meeting is canceled due to weather conditions, it is not rescheduled due to bus transportation complications.

MCR-SGA executive board evening meetings are for MCR-SGA staff and SGA presidents/liaisons. The schedule can be found on the MCR-SGA web at www.montgomerycountyregion.org

How can I get more information?



Contact school SGA presidents, SGA advisors, and MCR-SGA liaisons are helpful contacts if you'd like to attend a general assembly. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any MCR officer

for more information about MCR and its activities.

MCR-SGA Hotline: 301-253-3622

Student Affairs Office: 301-670-1419

SMOB Hotline: 301-840-3730

You can also email the elected officers:

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Michael_Hagan@mcpsmd.org

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Student Member on the Board of Education

Ms. Quratul-Ann Malik

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MCR-SGA's goals:

- Act as a Forum for Presentations
- Act as a Forum for Discussion
- Act as a Means of Positive Change

MCR-SGA has strong ties with the Montgomery County Junior Councils (MCJC), the county-level, middle school student government organization. Students who were active in MCJC will feel right at home at MCR-SGA's General Assemblies.

MCR-SGA's web site is regularly updated.

The URL is:

<http://www.montgomerycountyregion.org>

Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB)

MCR-SGA has the unique opportunity to work with the Board of Education and the Board of Elections to coordinate and supervise the election of the Montgomery County Public Schools student member of the Board of Education. Each spring, secondary students in the county cast their vote for one of the two final SMOB candidates. Montgomery County is one of the few counties in the nation that provides their students with the civic educational opportunity of "hands-on" voting protocols and Board of Elections voting equipment.



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**The Montgomery
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What is MCR-SGA?

The Montgomery County Regional Student Government Association (MCR-SGA) is the high school, county-level student government organization that represents the students of Montgomery County's twenty-five high schools. It provides a forum for students to express concerns and take a stand on important issues. MCR-SGA strives to facilitate communication between high schools and provide an effective, enjoyable environment to bring about positive change for students.