

WHY SHOULD STUDENTS BE INVOLVED IN DECISION-MAKING?

Democratic systems allow different people to voice their opinions and to participate in decision-making processes. At Beverly High School, like other American secondary schools, individual students have some, if limited, input in school decision-making. The opportunities they do have come largely in the form of student government. Panther News posed two crucial questions to current BHS students to hear their thoughts about student involvement in decision-making here at BHS.

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Why do you think it's important for students to be involved in decision-making?			
<p>“It can give students autonomy and can make you feel more grown-up and have more control over their lives rather than someone else always telling them what they have to do.”</p>	<p>“I think it’s important for students to be involved in decision-making because they won’t want to participate if they are not being involved in things that could make certain experiences more fun.”</p>	<p>“I think it’s important for students to be involved in decision-making because a lot of the decisions directly involve the students and affect them and I think they should have a say in what happens to them.”</p>	<p>“I think it’s important because students have opinions and experiences that are also important and should be factored into the decisions that are being made about them.”</p>
Are there any ways you wished you could be more involved?			
<p>“Personally, not really. I don’t know if I have any interesting entail to give for decision-making.”</p>	<p>“I feel like we could make more active ways of involvement such as polls for different events or fundraising ideas.”</p>	<p>“Honestly, I don’t feel like there are any ways I wished to be more involved.”</p>	<p>“I also don’t wish I could be more involved because it’s just not something I’m super interested in.”</p>