

Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Advisory Board



How can I bring youth voice into my project?



What is the YAB?

The Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is a group of

up to 15 students in 9th through 12th grades who live or attend school in Hopkins or Minnetonka. Students have multiple leadership duties including attending weekly board meetings, public speaking, and creating and running student-led events in a chemical-free space for fellow youth at the Hopkins Depot.

Why include youth input?

- Take an evidence-based approach to program and policy improvement
- Empower young people by showing them you value their contributions
- Work alongside youth to develop team building and leadership skills
- Create a project that includes the feedback of the next generation of users

How do I include youth in my project(s)?

- Get their feedback by attending a YAB meeting
- Invite them to participate in surveys or other engagement methods
- Provide a budget to work together to host an engagement event
- Table at their events

How can I connect?

Work with the Youth Program Specialist to attend a youth board meeting held every Friday from 4-5pm at the Depot!
Email Arleth Arangure at aarangure@hopkinsmn.com for any questions!



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