



**AL MANAHIL**  
PRIVATE SCHOOL

# **Student Council Policy**

## **Introduction**

A student council is a representative structure through which students in a post-primary school can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management and staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students.

## **Rationale**

- Students have a valuable contribution to make to the effectiveness of the school and active participation in an appropriate manner in the operation of the school is a valuable dimension of a student's educational experience; it provides preparation for citizenship and also fosters mature behaviour.
- A student council provides an opportunity for students to engage in a structured partnership with teachers, parents and school managers in the operation of their school. Research indicates that student councils can improve academic standards and reduce dropout rates in schools. Student councils can create a sense of ownership of the school and its activities among the student population.
- Student councils give young people a voice in schools.

## **Link with school vision and mission**

The student council aims at nurturing a range of important skills among students, such as participating in meetings, negotiating, responsible leadership and collaborative problem solving.

## **The objective of the student council**

- to represent the views of the students on matters of general concern to them
- to support the management and staff in the development of the school
- to enhance communication between students, management, staff and parents
- to promote an environment conducive to educational and personal development
- to promote friendship and respect among pupils
- to contribute to the development of school policy

## **Structure of student council**

1. Separate councils will be formed for boys and girls.
2. Boys' council will be consisted of 15 members and girls' council will have 13.
3. Both councils will have a head and an assistant head.
4. Members of the councils are selected by a committee of 5 members which include, the Principal, Vice Principal, AVP, section coordinator and class teacher.

5. Academic performance, behaviour, discipline, attitude, relation with the community.
6. Head boy, Head girl Asst. Head Boy and asst. Head Girl are elected by the selected councillors.
7. Nomination papers will be submitted by the candidates which will be verified by the selection committee.
8. Election, counting etc; will be done in a highly confidential way.
9. An Investiture ceremony will be conducted after the election in which the student council members will take the oath of office.
10. First meeting of the prefects will be addressed by the Principal.
11. Assistant Head boy and Asst. Head girl will record the minutes of the meetings of the council.
12. Schedule for council meeting, which is to be arranged at least once in two weeks, will be prepared by the Head Boy and Head Girl.
13. All the councillors will be issued ID cards.
14. If any member is found to be under performing or acting against the interest of the school, his ID will be taken back and he will be removed from the students' council.
15. The duration of the council will be one academic year. when the session is over, the council will be automatically dissolved.

**The school council has the responsibility for:**

- Working with staff and parents in the school
- Communicating and consulting with all the students in the school.
- Involving as many students as possible in the activities of the Council.
- Planning and managing the Council's programme of activities for the year.

**The student council can be involved in many activities of the school such as:**

- Liaising with principal on issues of concern to students
- Communication and co-operation with school staff
- Co-operating with management and staff on the development of school rules and regulations
- Involvement in school planning
- Having a say in school policies e.g. anti-bullying policy, homework, substance use, mobile phones, healthy eating, code of discipline, uniform, punctuality
- Making suggestions about improving school facilities
- Extra-curricular activities or lunch time activities such as movie clubs, computer games clubs, chess clubs, language clubs, book clubs
- Getting involved with the community e.g. inviting to help senior citizens, liaise with Red Crescent
- Mentoring programmes for younger students, quizzes, poster competition, guide to the school for new students

- Organizing recycling in school; getting involved or introducing the Green Schools, running an anti-litter campaign, clean up an area of the school or helping out in the community or environmental issues
- Carrying out surveys and questionnaires on issues and reporting back to the school management with the gathered information.
- School newsletter / magazine, or putting together a school record for the year using photographs, etc.
- Linking in with other Student Councils in the area and organizing a meeting with a view to sharing ideas and may be a joint project.