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**INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS[[1]](#footnote-1)**

20. (1) The student councils aim at the following:

(a) Raising awareness on the vital necessity and utmost utility of the institutions, methods and processes of democratic life and administration and active participation therein in such a way as to contribute to the creation of free, responsible democratic citizens;

(b) Developing self-discipline and mutual respect in students, exercising democratic self-government and free and fruitful dialogue and constructive criticism;

(c) Socialising students and developing their sense of initiative, responsibility and spirit of co-operation, philanthropy and fraternity;

(d) Cultivating the intellectual, artistic and sporting interests of students;

(e) Working with the school Headmaster/Headmistress, the teachers' club, the parents' and guardians' associations and other educational institutions and submitting suggestions for the promotion and resolution of issues concerning the students;

(f) Developing friendly relations and cooperating with the student councils of other schools;

(g) Offering all possible assistance for the improvement of the living and studies conditions of students, the support of the interests and rights of the students, as well as contributing to the promotion and solution of student problems.

1. Student council elections are held, after students are appropriately

informed by the class head-teachers, teachers or trainers, and following the necessary preparation, with emphasis on the relevant provisions of the regulations for student councils.

1. It is prohibited for the voter to obstruct or influence free voting, positively or negatively, regarding any candidate during the voting process.
2. Each class elects its own student council:

It shall be understood that, for purposes of application of this paragraph, in Technical and Vocational Education, a class is considered the class of the branch or specialisation.

1. (a) The class student council consists of five members and is elected by all students of the class, by secret ballot, in the presence of the class head-teacher or instructor and another (1) member of the teaching staff, in the third week after the start of the courses.

(b) Ballot papers containing up to five (5) names of candidates are valid, while ballot papers bearing any letter, indication or mark, by which it is possible to verify the identity of the voter or those bearing the name of the candidate in an unrecognisable manner or those that do not reveal the will of the voter are invalid.

(c) In case of a tie, a draw shall be held by the person in charge of the election amongst the tie-breaking candidates.

1. The five (5) members are:

(a) the President;

(b) the Vice-President;

(c) the Secretary;

(d) the Treasurer;

(e) the person in charge of the library-environment-orderliness of the classroom.

1. The class student council is formed in a body immediately after its election, in the presence of the aforementioned two (2) responsible teachers, by secret ballot. The President and the other members may be elected regardless of the votes cast in the ballot.
2. All students whose conduct last year was described as excellent have the right to run for election to the class student council, regardless of any worsening of their conduct in the course of quadrimesters.
3. A member of the student council is removed from office when he/she commits a disciplinary misconduct that is characterised as serious or when he/she is unjustifiably absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the council or does not comply with its operating regulations.
4. The class student councils are responsible for their respective class, they report to the class head-teacher or instructor any problems related to the class and discuss them with him/her. These concern discipline, cleanliness and order, prosperity, relationships, timetable and curriculum, methodological approaches of teachers, books and celebrations and any other serious issues related to the smooth operation of the class.
5. In case of serious problems, the class student councils convene a meeting, outside of teaching time. The meeting is chaired by the President of the Class.
6. Student councils are responsible for the announcements posted on the class board.
7. Student councils convene, outside of teaching time, in regular meetings they define.

They prepare suggestions in relation to emerging problems, present them for discussion-exchange of views before all class students and/or before the head-teacher and/or, if necessary, before the school management.

1. The Treasurer of the class student council receives from the students at regular intervals, to be decided by the Council, an amount determined by the internal regulations.
2. The amount of money deposited in the fund of the class may be used for the needs of the class or for charitable purposes, after previously informing the class head-teacher. Initiatives are taken to provide material or other assistance to students in need thereof.
3. The Secretary of class student council keeps the minutes of the meetings and is responsible for the announcements of the Council.
4. The person in charge of the library, environment-orderliness of the classroom keeps the book lending book, lends books to students wishing so, receives books from the class head-teacher who informs him/her about the circulation of books.
5. Student councils nominate enforcement officers, as well as other subcommittees, depending on the needs of the class.
6. The behaviour of the members of the class student council should serve as an example to be imitated by other students.
7. The meetings of the class student council are convened by the President and, when absent, by the Vice-President. A quorum consists of three (3) members.

1. According to the Regulations governing the elections of Student Councils (included in the New Operating Regulations of the Public Schools of Secondary and Technical Education) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)