

ELECTION POLICY FOR LEARNERS' COUNCIL

1. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Only grade 11 learners may nominate.
- A learner may nominate 10 girls and 10 boys from the list of learners who qualify according to academic and behavioural criteria.
- Should a learner not be present on nomination day, he/she forfeits the opportunity to nominate.
- A nomination form without the name of the nominator will be regarded as a spoilt nomination.

2. CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

- A learner must have an average year mark of 50% in Grade 11. The year mark is calculated as 50% of the first term and 50% of the second term. No learner who fails will qualify.
- A learner must have a satisfactory record of conduct on the disciplinary system: at least 400 positive points, no more than 400 negative points, no category 3 entry during the current year and net positive points.
- The 50 boys and 50 girls with the most nominations will appear on the list.
- New learners that enrolled during the year must also comply with abovementioned criteria with regard to nominations, positive and net positive points. Negative points will be calculated in proportion to time at the school.
- A staff meeting will be held to discuss the provisional nomination list and where the Learner Council Guardians will also give feedback on the previous term. During this meeting, learners can be taken off the provisional list if 6 of the learners' register and subject teachers support the omission.
- Staff who do not attend the nomination meeting may not vote.
- The Management Team and Learner Council Guardians may also remove a learner from the nomination list taking the following into account:
 - o Social media profile
 - o Appearance
 - o Chronic absence
- A final nomination list is compiled from those nominees who declare themselves willing to serve on the Learners Council by signing a document that sets out the duties and behaviour of a Learners' council member.
- Photos of the learners on the final list will be placed on the notice boards before voting takes place and they will be introduced to the school during an assembly in the hall or on the pavilion.

3. VOTING

- Voting takes place by means of ballot papers/electronically on the same day by learners and staff.
- The number of votes/council members will be determined according to the total of registered learners on voting day. 1 leader will be voted for every 30 boys/girls.
- Learners/staff must vote for at least 50% of the prescribed number. Less than 50% or more than the prescribed number will be regarded as a spoilt ballot.
- Grade 9 and 10 learners: Boys vote for boys and girls for girls;
Grade 11 learners and staff: Vote for both boys and girls.
- Grade 8 and 12 learners do not vote.
- Only staff with a SACE certificate (except in the case of Learner Council Guardians), who have been at the school for longer than 6 months, and who attended the nomination meeting, are eligible to vote.
- A list of staff, who are eligible to vote, supplied by Mrs van Nieuwenhuizen and Mrs Venter, will be available and must be signed when voting.

4. COUNTING AND PROCESSING OF VOTES

- Voting ratio
 - o Learner's voting weight: 50% of total votes
 - Grade 9 Learners 1:1
 - Grade 10 Learners 1:1
 - Grade 11 Learners 1:2
 - o Staff voting weight: 50% of total votes.
All staff members' votes will carry the same weight.
- The Learner Council must reflect the demographics of the school. The demographics of the Grade 11 group will be used to determine the ratio.
- During the processing of the votes there must be an independent observer present such as a departmental representative and/or lawyer.
- Mrs le Roux and/or Mrs van Nieuwenhuizen must verify the processing formula.

5. VOTING AND APPOINTMENT OF HEAD PREFECTS

- Head prefects are elected by the newly chosen Learner Council and staff per ballot paper.
- Learner Council members vote after the Learner Council camp.
- Staff vote after the Learner Council have voted from the top 8 boys and top 8 girls elected by the Learner Council.
- Council members and staff vote for 4 boys and 4 girls. More or less than 4 votes will be regarded as a spoilt ballot.
- Voting ratio:
 - Learners' Council voting weight: 50% of total votes
 - Staff voting weight: 50% of total votes
 - Learner Council Guardians 1:2
 - Other staff members 1:1
- The 5 boys and 5 girls with the most votes will be elected as head prefects and deputy head prefects.
- The Learner Council Committee will allocate their portfolios.

6. GENERAL

- If a learner council member leaves the school, or loses his/her position before the end of the election year, the next learner on the voting list will be appointed in his/her place. After that, no learner will be appointed.
- A learner that has served on another school's Learners' Council cannot serve at MHS.
- Medals are awarded to council members according to their commitment, involvement and behaviour during the year, at the prize giving at the end of the year.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT

- The elected learner council members are subject to a strict code of conduct regarding appearance, discipline and linked to the code of conduct and merit system of the school.