

Election Guidelines

The following rules should apply in any election:

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- All pupils are equally represented by the student council
- Pupils only can be elected
- Pupils only can vote
- One pupil one vote
- The election procedure is agreed before election day
- Time and venue of election will be communicated to all pupils
- If possible, elections should be carried out during class time
- The voting procedure is by secret ballot
- The votes are counted by pupils under the supervision of a teacher or a parent or independent advisor

A school council may decide to adopt one of two types of voting system:

- **First past the post** – in this system each person votes for one candidate only and the candidate with the most votes is elected.
- **Proportional Representation** – in this system each person voting will rank the candidate in order of preference (1, 2, 3 etc.) and the candidate who reaches the quota is elected.

Pupils who want to be elected to the school council should be proposed by at least two other pupils. This can be done by submitting nomination forms before the election. These forms should be widely available from the school. All pupils should be informed well in advance that nominations are being sought.

