

# **Governing council membership structures**

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## **Instructions about membership for particular types of schools**

The following instructions are provided, according to the type of school, for inclusion in the constitution of a governing council. The Minister may approve a constitution that varies these membership instructions, *ie* categories of members, number of members in each category, term of office, in accordance with section 39 of the Act.

### **For a school or group of schools where the majority of students are not adult students**

The council shall comprise the following members:

- the principal of the school, or in the case of a council serving two or more schools, the principals of each school (ex officio)
- staff members, nominated to the council by election at a general staff meeting, in the ratio determined by the Minister
- one member nominated by each approved affiliated committee of the council (up to 3)
- community members appointed by the council (limit of 3)
- students, (up to 2), nominated by the student representative council, or if there is no SRC, by the students
- elected parents of the school(s), the number being the minimum necessary to:
  - achieve the minimum number of 5 members in total, and
  - make the majority of council members elected parents of the school(s).

### **For a multi-campus school with one principal**

The council shall comprise the following members:

- the principal of the school (ex officio)
- staff members, nominated to the council by election at a general staff meeting in each campus, in the ratio determined by the Minister
- one member nominated by each approved affiliated committee of the council (up to 3)
- community members appointed by the council (limit of 3)
- students (up to 2), nominated by the student representative council, or if there is no SRC, by the students
- elected parents, the number being the minimum necessary to
  - achieve the minimum size of 5 council members in total, and
  - make the majority of council members elected parents of the school.



### **For a school with a school-based preschool**

The council shall comprise the following members:

- the principal of the school (ex officio)
- staff members, nominated to the council by election from the combined staff of the school and preschool, in the ratio determined by the Minister
- one member nominated by each approved affiliated committee of the council (up to 3)
- community members appointed by the council (limit of 3)
- students, (up to 2), nominated by the student representative council, or if there is no SRC, by the students
- elected parents must comprise of parents from the school and preschool community, the number being the minimum necessary to:
  - achieve the minimum size of 5 council members in total, and
  - make the majority of elected council members parents.

### **For a multi-campus school with a school-based preschool**

The council shall comprise the following members:

- the principal of the school (ex officio)
- staff members, nominated to the council by election at a general staff meeting in each campus and preschool, in the ratio determined by the Minister
- one member nominated by each approved affiliated committee of the council (up to 3)
- community members appointed by the council (limit of 3)
- students (up to 2), nominated by the student representative council, or if there is no SRC, by the students
- elected parents from the school and preschool community, the number being the minimum necessary to:
  - achieve the minimum size of 5 council members in total, and
  - make the majority of council members elected parents.