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SCHOOL POLICY

Representative Council of Learners (RCL)

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

REVISION HISTORY:

As amended on:

11 October 2016 - [Sub-s. substituted by s. 3 of Act No. 100 of 1997 and by s. 1 (a) of Act No. 57 of 2001.]

11 October 2016 - Subject to policy made in terms of section 3 (4) (g) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996),

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS (RCL)

A representative council of learners at the school must be established at every public school enrolling learners in the eighth grade or higher, and such council is the only recognised and legitimate representative learner body at the school. [Sub-s. substituted by s. 3 of Act No. 100 of 1997 and by s. 1 (a) of Act No. 57 of 2001.]

Wording of Sections (2) Subject to policy made in terms of section 3 (4) (g) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996), the Member of the Executive Council must, by notice in the Provincial Gazette, determine the functions and the procedures for the establishment and election of representative councils of learners.

PURPOSE

To Encourage Learner Involvement in Maintaining Discipline and Leadership.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

- Learners from Grade 6 and 7 can be elected as RCL.
- The RCL should be elected at the end of the previous year, to enable them to start with their duties at the start of the following school year.
- Prerequisites for the election of a RCL should not only be academic achievement but also leadership qualities and good discipline.
- A head boy and head girl should be elected.
- The head boy and head girl should also appear at school events to deliver speeches, or at the awards function etc.
- Fourteen learners should be elected by the Intermediary Phase and Senior Phase learners, as well as by the educators.
- The election of RCL should happen within class context and should be done by means of a secret ballot.
- The educators should determine the number of RCL annually.
- At the beginning of each year the RCL should be introduced to the educators, learners and parents, and receive their name tags.
- The elected RCL should declare themselves willing to perform the duties imposed upon them with integrity and be exemplary and honest.
- RCL should be dressed neatly in the school uniform and should fulfil a supportive role rather than a policing role.
- RCL should report directly to a member of the management team who acts as link between the prefects and the office.

Leadership courses should be presented at least twice a year for the RCL.

