STUDENT COUNCIL AND
STUDENT VOICE: A CALL
FOR STUDENT LEADERS

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
The first step is to connect.
Sign-up your school for the
Student Voice Survey at
www.surveymonkey.com/studentcouncil

Your feedback and ideas from the survey
will ensure this guide keeps improving.

SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENT COUNCIL IMPROVEMENTS

Meetings
• Schedule meetings for the entire year and share the dates
  with all students.
• Create and share an agenda with all students at the beginning of
  the year.
• Record minutes and keep financial documents to inform future councils.
• Open meetings to all students to allow them to participate with questions
  or concerns.
• Ensure each grade and education pathway is represented on
  student council.

Subcommittees
• Offer positions and leadership roles for students in every grade.
• Create subcommittees to address current issues; invite all interested
  students to join.

Communication
• Communicate regularly within the council and the school (e.g., listserve,
  Twitter, Facebook, etc.)
• Report back to students about how their ideas have been used.
• Survey students’ opinions on school issues; conduct school-wide surveys.

Elections
• Nominate council candidates based on qualifications (e.g., academic
  achievement and school involvement).
• Ensure elections are anonymous and focused on issues.
• Match elected student skill sets with council positions.

Issues
• Promote students on council as representatives of the student voice,
  not just event planners.
• Ensure council representatives are available to the student population.
• Remind council representatives that they are elected to represent
  the views of all students.

YOUR IDEAS MAY ALSO
BE OF INTEREST TO:
• The Student Senate
• Student Trustees
• Minister’s Student Advisory Council

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UP ABOUT STUDENT COUNCILS.
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