

ELECTION POLICY FOR LEARNERS' COUNCIL

1. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Nominations are only done by Grade 11 learners on a nomination form, as follows:

Name of person being nominated (Nominee)	
Name of person nominating (Nominator)	
Signature of person nominating (Nominator)	

- A learner may nominate only 10 learners.
- Should a learner not be present on nomination day, he/she forfeits the opportunity to nominate.
- A learner may not nominate him/herself.
- 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 and a net positive point.
- A learner must obtain at least 10 nominations. If there are less than 50 boys/girls that receive 10 nominations, the first 50 girls/boys 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 learner appearing on the Top 10 Academic list for Grade 11 for Term 1 or 2, automatically qualifies for the list even though they do not have enough nominations, provided that he/she complies with all the other criteria.
- 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. The following will be taken 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 25 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, and who have been at the school for longer than 6 months, qualify to vote. It is not compulsory for staff to vote, especially where they do not know the learners.
- A list of staff, who are eligible to vote, supplied by Mrs van Nieuwenhuizen and Ms Wamelink, 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 Learners' Council and staff per ballot paper.
- Council members vote after the Learners Council camp and staff vote the Friday before the camp.
- Council members and staff vote for 3 boys and 3 girls. More or less than 3 votes will be regarded as a spoilt ballot.
- Voting ratio
 - o Learners' Council voting weight: 50% of total votes
 - o Staff voting weight: 50% of total votes
 - Learners' Council Guardians 1:2
 - Rest of staff 1:1
- The boy and girl with the most votes will be elected head prefects. The Learner Council committee will divide the following 3 boys and girls into portfolios.

6. GENERAL

- In the case of a member of the Learners' Council leaving the school during the course of the year, no other learner will be appointed in his/her place.
- If a member of the Learners' Council loses his/her position, no other learner will be appointed in his/her place.
- 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.