

FACTSHEET - COMPOSITION OF SCHOOL COUNCILS AND IPS BOARDS

The membership rules for a school council or IPS board are set out in Part 5 of the Education Regulations.

Total number of members: there can be a minimum of 5 and maximum of 19 members.

Mandatory members:

Parents

- there must be at least 50% parent members*.
- parents of students enrolled at the government school (including parents of preschool students) are elected by parents of students at that school.
- a parent must be appointed as council or board chair. This parent cannot be a teacher or principal at any government school.

*IPS boards can submit an application to the department if they wish to reduce the number of parent members below 50%. School Operations North can assist IPS boards with this process.

Teachers

- at least one teacher from the government school (including preschool teachers) elected by teachers at that school.

Principal

- the principal of the school.

Optional members

Students

- middle or senior secondary schools may include one to two student representatives elected by students at that school

Invited members

- any person considered by the council or board to have special qualifications, knowledge or experience which would assist them in carrying out their work can be invited to be a member of the council or board
- the local Member of the Legislative Assembly or a person nominated by the local government council may also be invited to be members.
- teachers at any government school are not eligible to be invited members.

Table 1: Sample calculator for composition of school councils or boards

Number of members in the school representative body				
Minimum				Maximum
5	10	15	19	
Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	1
Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	2
Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	3
Principal	Parent	Parent	Parent	4
Teacher	Parent	Parent	Parent	5
	Principal	Parent	Parent	6
	Teacher	Parent	Parent	7
	3 optional: invited members, up to 2 students, parents or teachers	Parent	Parent	8
		Principal	Parent	9
		Teacher	Parent	10
	5 optional: invited members, up to 2 students, parents or teachers		Principal	11
			Teacher	12
				13
	7 optional: invited members, up to 2 students, parents or teachers			14
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