

Coachford College

Student Council Policy(2014)

Aims:

- To enhance communication between students, management, staff and parents.
- To promote friendship and respect among pupils.
- To support the management and staff in the development of the school.
- To respect the views of the students on matters of general concern to them.
- To afford students the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

Structure:

The council shall have a structure consisting of:

- i) Principal/Deputy Principal
- ii) A Student Council

The Principal shall have the powers of sanction and veto over the Student Council.

Representation:

The Student Council shall consist of 2 students from each year group and the student council link teacher.

Election Procedure;

The Student council elections take place each year in September except 1st years whose election takes place in October or November.

An election will take place amongst each year group with each student asked to vote for a male and female candidate.

The male and female students with the highest number of votes will be asked to represent their year group on the student council. If they reject the proposal, the next highest vote gets asked and so on.

The Student Council is to meet at least once a term.

Code of conduct:

- i) Members of the student Council should realise that membership of the council demands commitment and an ability to accept responsibilities.
- ii) Members of the student Council should exemplify the highest standards of work and conduct as defined by the college authorities.
- iii) A student who is requested to resign (due to continuous failure to attend meetings, lack of commitment to the purpose of the council) shall come before the Student Council and is given ample opportunity to present his/her case. The decision taken shall be on a majority vote of the Council.

- iv) A student who is a member of the Student Council and is involved in serious misbehaviour should resign.
- v) A student who is a member of the Student Council and for reasons of poor work and/or conduct are put on review/suspended should resign.
- vi) A student breaching iv) and/or v) above may be removed from the Student Council by the Principal.

Notes:

1. A Student Council exists for the duration of one academic year.
2. A student Council may form sub committees to plan and oversee specific Council activities. A sub committee is required to submit its plan to the student Council for approval and should report back to the student Council on its activities. A minimum of three members on each sub committee (J.C and S.C students to form each sub committee).
3. Issue(s) relating to staff/staffing is not within the remit of the Student Council. This is clearly stated in the guidelines set out by the Department of Education & Skills.