

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

### **Background**

Student Council by such means as Student Councils or similar structures is an integral part of the educational program of students. Students are encouraged to participate in this democratic form of self-government.

### **Guidelines**

1. Student Council should be considered as a practical example of democracy at work.
2. Students should be learning through participation about such things as:
  - 2.1 Democratic elections;
  - 2.2 Rights and responsibilities of membership;
  - 2.3 The role, duties, and responsibilities of elected officers;
  - 2.4 The role and responsibility of advisors and other resource persons;
  - 2.5 Parliamentary procedure;
  - 2.6 Running effective meetings;
  - 2.7 Operating under an approved constitution and/or set of bylaws;
  - 2.8 Motivating and encouraging participation of the general membership;
  - 2.9 Planning and organizing activities; and
  - 2.10 Accountability to the membership, the school, and other bodies, as required.
3. The Student Union/Council should be considered as a learning environment for students to gain experience in such things as:
  - 3.1 Identifying issues that concern the student body;
  - 3.2 Discussing and effecting change in a democratic society; and
  - 3.3 Working co-operatively with others in identifying and achieving goals.

