



506.1AP School Councils

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LEGAL REFERENCE

- *Education Act Section 55*
- *Alberta Regulation School Councils 94/2019*
- *Societies Act*

CROSSING REFERENCE:

- [506BP School Councils](#)
 - [Alberta School Councils Resource Guide](#)
 - [506.1AP Exhibit 1 School Council Annual Report](#)
 - [505.2AP Dispute Resolution](#)
 - [602-12AP Fundraising](#)
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BACKGROUND

The school council is a legislated structure – a forum for parents and community members to participate, in an advisory capacity, in their local, school-based decision-making processes. The Division encourages school councils to participate as active partners in the support of their schools.

Working in collaboration with the principal and school community, school councils can help foster a supportive learning environment and create valuable opportunities for students to meet the standards of education set by the Minister.

PROCEDURES:

1. All schools will have a school council that operates in accordance with the *Education Act* and *School Councils Regulation*.
2. The school council must be established within 40 days after the start of the school year.
3. A school council should include the following members:
 - 3.1 The principal of the school,

- 3.2 At least one person who is a teacher at the school, elected or appointed by the teachers at the school,
 - 3.3 If the school includes a senior high school program, at least one person who is a student enrolled in the high school, elected, or appointed by the students enrolled in the high school, and
 - 3.4 Parents of children enrolled in the school.
4. The school council provides parents and the school community with a means to consult with and provide advice to the principal on matters pertaining to:
 - 4.1 Foundations statement respecting the school's vision, principles, and beliefs,
 - 4.2 School policies,
 - 4.3 Annual education plan and results reports, and
 - 4.4 The school budget.
5. To assist in creating the Annual Education Results Report, school councils will send a one page annual report to the Assistant Superintendent by May 31st of the current school year. See *506.1AP Exhibit 1*.
 6. School council materials shall be received by the principal prior to distribution.
 7. Any fundraising done on behalf of the school should be undertaken by a separate body incorporated under the *Societies Act*. All Fundraising is guided by *602.12AP - Fundraising*.
 8. A disputes resolution process to address disputes between the principal and the school council is outlined in *505.2 AP Dispute Resolution*.