



Philosophy

The philosophy behind the ISD Student Representative Council outlines the need to create positive feelings within the student body in school. Through representation, teamwork, compromise and voting, a member of the council has a chance to learn how democracy works and to apply it to everyday school life. Thus, this philosophy betters the school by giving the students a practical place to learn lifetime skills of being leaders and followers in an organized and structured team with unified purpose and goal under a common constitution.

Purpose

The Student Representative Council is the top-most student representative body of the secondary students at ISD and the link between the students and administration, teachers and parents.

The purpose of the organization shall be:

1. To organize and promote the general activities of the school and to encourage the participation of the entire student body in those activities.
2. To develop in the student body, a growing appreciation of membership in a democracy by providing educational responsibilities and the privilege of participating in a school-based democracy.
3. To promote, in all ways, the best interest of the school, and to give the entire student body indirect representation in the determination of this best interest.
4. To promote co-operation among the students themselves and between the students and the faculty.
5. To co-ordinate fundraising activities within the student body and to distribute such funds to the student body and others.
6. To act as a voice for the student body and to link the students with the administration and staff for official purposes while at the same time representing student feelings, opinions and interests.

Duties of a Student Representative Council Member

There are two categories to the duties and aims of a Student Representative Council member: integrity and diplomacy. A Student Representative Council member does not only represent his or her class but the school as a whole.

In terms of integrity, members are expected to be mature and responsible. This involves recognizing the commitment of participating in the Student Representative Council and a willingness to participate in the council's efforts. It is



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hard to outline precisely what must be done, and therefore, council members are expected, in short, to be sensible.

As diplomats, Student Representative Council members are representatives of their tutor groups, grades and ISD as a whole. Council members are expected to abide by school rules at all times and respect authority and ethics. As a representative of their tutor class, it is a member's duty to be open to all points, to be unbiased, and to present fairly class views and ideas to the council. The Student Representative Councillors must also recognize that it is their duty to communicate to the tutor class ideas and decisions made by the Student Representative Council.

Executive officers must keep in mind that it is their duty to make sure that meetings run well, that all members have an equal opportunity to express themselves, and that all in the council are fulfilling their job to the best of their ability. Finally, to be an effective Council, there must be unity in all regards. Members are expected to respect each other's ideas and feelings. Members are expected to work together on issues before Council meetings. While it is impossible to achieve consensus on every issue, members are expected to try to avoid conflict, respect the will of the Council as a whole represented by a vote, and support the Council's decisions regardless of their personal predilections.