

NEW HORIZONS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Code of Conduct for School Council Members

The New Horizon School Council Chair recognizes that parents of a gifted child play a formative role in the development of their child's sense of justice, education, and equity, as well as the dignity and worth of all members within our school community. Parents also act as one of the most influential role-models within their child's life. It is the expectation of the New Horizon School Council Chair that all School Council members, parents, School personnel, and guests, model acceptable behavior at all School Council functions and meetings.

School Council optimally functions when its vast pool of knowledge and parental contributions are acknowledged and utilized fully. Each member attending a meeting comes with a different persona, knowledge base and ability. It is expected that each member will value another during all discussions.

Pursuant to Article 8 Subsection 1 of the New Horizons School Council Operating Procedures, It is the responsibility of the Chair to preside and supervise School Council meetings and activities. With this, for the 2015/2016 School Council Year, during meetings and events held by School Council, the following Codes of Conduct are anticipated to be adhered to:

- Members and Attendees of meetings and activities are expected to leave their hats and "name tags" at the door. Each person present has an interest in the activities of School Council insofar as they are a parent of a child attending the school, a staff member working at / for the School or a community member who has a personal interest in the operations of School Council. Places of Employment have no place at meetings unless they have been requested to make a formal presentation.
- Members and Attendees representing New Horizons School are expected to treat themselves and others in attendance with courtesy and respect in all situations. Behave how you would expect your child to within their School's classroom.
- The 2014/2015 School Council Executive was elected by its membership based on ideas presented at the previous Annual General Meeting. Support your elected officials by assisting to facilitate positive growth through a spirit of harmonic cooperation, positive discussion, team building, trust, participation and respect for differences of opinion.
- Promote positive and collaborative relationships on School Council, and between School Council and the greater School Community.
- Work proactively with fellow School Council members to support the School's goals for education and improvement plans.
- Act as an advocate for excellence in education at the School and within the greater community.
- Declare any conflict of interest.
- Never disclose any confidential information accessed through School Council activities.
- Use the appropriate communication channels to address concerns
- Recognize School Council is a team not an individual venture. No single person has the authority to undertake personal action against a properly discussed and informed decision made by the School Council as a whole.
- Be an effective not reactive School Council member.

As a School Council member, you can help your Council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in your school. Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community. Your involvement in the School Council gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of education and an accountable education system for the children of New Horizons School. Your positive participation can make a difference!

Lets work together to fill New Horizons School Bucket