

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

### I. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the operation of student councils in each of the district's middle and high schools.

### II. SCOPE

This policy applies to middle and high schools. See policy [6061 Student Congress](#) for the district-wide student organization for Shelby County Schools.

### III. POLICY STATEMENT

Each school shall establish an elected student council. The council shall be governed by its own constitution which shall be approved by the school principal. Defining the council's jurisdiction shall be a joint and cooperative effort of the council, students, and the student government constitution.

General purposes of the council shall be:

1. To promote better relationships between teachers and students;
2. To provide a communication channel for student opinion;
3. To promote organizational services for students and faculty;
4. To encourage positive attitudes, leadership, and citizenship;
5. To contribute to the total educational growth of students; and
6. To train students in the method of problem-solving and decision-making.

Suggestions from the student council shall be given consideration for adoption and/or implementation by the school administration. Each middle and high school student council shall be active members of the Tennessee Association of Student Councils (TASC). Program advisors shall be responsible for all program training.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Principals are responsible for adhering to this policy.

B. The Department of Student Support Services is responsible for implementing this policy.

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Legal References:

1. TCA 49-2-202

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Cross References:

1. [6061 Student Congress](#)