


Role of School Councils

School Council may, at its discretion, advise the principal on any matter relating to the school. Some of the more common topics for discussion include:

- School's overall mission, philosophy, policies, rules and goals
- School's improvement planning, including three-year plans
- School jurisdiction policies (e.g. school fees, school council policies)
- School budget
- School volunteers
- Provincial achievement test results and diploma exam results
- Guidelines and principles for the school resource allocations
- Fundraising - request from school budget for projects.
- In-service and/or information needs of school council members
- School policy on use of facilities by the larger community
- Facility renovations
- Ways of reporting student achievement results to parents and public
- Methods of communicating with the public
- Promotion of the school in the community
- Programs offered in the school
- Extracurricular activities offered in the school
- Student attendance procedures, standards of student conduct and bullying issues
- Services for students to help improve learning, such as assistance from reading specialists and guidance counsellors
- School calendar and adjustments in hours
- Alberta Initiatives for School Improvement (AIS) projects
- Graduation and other school celebrations

Roles that are not to be taken on by a school council include:

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- School governance
 - Employment issues
 - School management
 - Listening to complaints

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