GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION AND SPORT
DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

School Council Elections 2027-2029

Guidelines for Educators - School Council Elections

Dear Educators,

Your participation matters!

The dedication and excellent work of past School Council members have left a lasting positive impact on our school's community. We encourage educators to actively participate in these elections by volunteering as Council Members.

The School Council consist of:

- **A President** – nominated by the Minister for Education
- **A Secretary/Treasurer** – the Head of School
- **Three representatives** elected from among the school's educators
- **Three representatives** elected from among the parents/guardians of students attending the school.

Responsibilities of the School Council include:

- Administering the School Council's funds
- Discussing ways to increase parental involvement
- Reviewing the curriculum and educational services offered by the school
- Making suggestions to the Directorates of Education
- Proposing improvements to school amenities and the environment
- Addressing concerns related to students' well-being.

Important Dates:

Nominations open online on	6th November 2026
Nominations close on	13th November 2026
Codes sent electronically to the schools holding an election on	24th November 2026
Codes sent by the school electronically to educators' and parents' educators on	25th to 27th November 2026
Online voting opens on	30th November 2026
Online voting closes on	7th December 2026

Nominations

1. Who is eligible?

- The Heads of School, Senior Leadership Team (SLT), Heads of Department (HOD), Teachers, Peripatetic Teachers, Kindergarten Educators (KGEs), and Learning Support Educators (LSEs) may contest and vote.
- Kindergarten Educator and Learning Support Educator relievers may vote only at their home school.
- Staff on maternity or parental leave are eligible to contest and vote.

2. How to Submit a Nomination

Nominations

- Access the website through Ilearn account https://education.gov.mt/useful-links/school-council-elections/
- Click on **Educator Nominations.**
- Complete all sections of this online form.
- By completing and submitting this form, you are self-nominating yourself for consideration.
- Please note that all fields are mandatory and must be completed before the form can be successfully submitted.
- Before submitting, kindly review the information provided to ensure that it is complete and accurate.

3. Voting

An election shall only be held if the number of valid nominations exceeds the three available positions. If the number of nominees is equal to or fewer than the number of available positions, nominees shall be deemed elected automatically.

Steps to Vote:

1. Each educator will receive a unique voting code through your child's ilearn email address voting code.
2. Access the link https://education.gov.mt/useful-links/school-council-elections/
3. Click on **Educator Voting.**
4. **Select your respective school.**
5. **Choose up to three (3) candidates from the displayed list.**
6. Click **Vote.**

The three nominated candidates who receive the highest number of votes will be elected to the Scholastic Council.

4. Role of Heads of School and School Leadership Teams in Supporting School Council Elections

Heads of School, supported by the School Leadership Team, are reminded that School Councils are an essential aspect of the democratic process within schools. They are therefore encouraged to do their utmost to:

- Enhance awareness of the significance and importance of the School Council.
- Encourage as many educators and parents/guardians as possible to participate in the election process.
- Ensure maximum exposure for all candidates.
- Assist parents/guardians who may encounter difficulties when submitting nominations or voting online.
- In the event of a resignation, the vacancy shall be filled by the next runner-up, in accordance with the election results.
- Where the number of nominations is low, the school should endeavour to identify other educators or parents/guardians who may be co-opted onto the School Council.

Thank you for your commitment to support the School Council Committee.