

POLICY MANUAL	IPSWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FILE CODE: CEA
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SCHOOL COUNCILS

The Ipswich School Committee in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 59C, of the Education Reform Act of 1993, hereby authorizes the formulation of School Councils composed of:

- A. The school principal who shall co-chair the Council.
- B. Six parents elected annually by the parent-teacher organization, i.e., friends groups, under the direction of the principal.
- C. Five teachers elected by the teachers at a teachers' meeting in June (after the initial school year).
- D. One school staff member elected by the non-teacher school staff.
- E. Two to five students elected from each secondary school.
- F. One non-school citizen from the community.
- G. One member of the Ipswich business community.

The purpose of the School Council shall be to continuously improve student education so that each student has the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to succeed and excel throughout life.

The Council shall consult with the principal regarding the principal's educational goals for the school. These goals shall align with School Committee policy, the Superintendent's goals and the educational goals of other Ipswich schools. The Council shall consider and recommend to the superintendent curricular and instructional improvements as are consistent with research and deemed appropriate for the long-term interest of the schools' students. The school plan for achieving these goals shall clearly state how the goals and/or desired changes will improve student preparedness for the long-term future. Each plan will contain an assessment component and will include an assessment of previous years' plans. The plan will be submitted via the Superintendent of Schools to the School Committee for approval at a joint meeting and prior to implementation.

The Council shall make written recommendations regarding the annual budget which is forwarded to the Superintendent and School Committee.

The Council shall develop bylaws for its operation, subject to approval by the School Committee.

Legal Reference: M.G.L. Chap. 71, Section 59C

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