## Statute of the Student Parliament

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## 1. General provisions

1. The Student Parliament is the highest representative body of the students of the European School Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "European School" or "School"). It is established in accordance with the Law of Georgia on General Education and this Regulation.
2. The Student Parliament is an independent governance system, a self-governing in-house non-political organization. 3. The Statute of the Student Parliament (hereinafter - the Statute) defines the basic rules of activity of the Student Parliament. In order to fulfill the goals and objectives set forth in the statute, the Student Parliament must actively cooperate with the structural units of the school and the pedagogical staff.

## 2. Goals and Objectives

The goal of the Student Parliament of the European school is to:

1. Make sure students feel happy at school;
2. Ensure that all students have the opportunity to express their opinions and comments;
3. Encourage students to explore areas of school life that need improvement and at the same time present ways to improve;
4. Establish positive relationships both inside and outside the school.

## 3. Structure of the Student Parliament, procedure of its creation, legal capacity, impeachment

1. The Student Parliament consists of members of Parliament, the Speaker of the Parliament, the Student Committee and parliamentary commissions.

## 2. Parliament member:

2.1. A student of IX-XII grades of the school can be elected as a Member of Parliament, who is characterized by the qualities of a leader, positively characterized by the school administration, his activity and behavior are exemplary, duly follow the internal regulations of the school and push others to do so.
2.2. The candidate for the membership of the Parliament has the right to nominate a member of the Parliament individually.
2.3. Nominations for parliamentary membership must be made within 15 days of the announcement of the student parliamentary elections.
2.4. The Member of Parliament is elected by the relevant class of the candidate by secret ballot.
2.5. If there are several candidates for the membership of the Parliament in the same class, the winner of the elections will be the two candidates who will get the most votes in the respective class. In case of the motion and recommendation of the class tutor, the third candidate from the respective class will also be considered the winner in the elections, who will get the most votes after the first two candidates.
2.6. In the event that several candidates in the same class receive an equal number of votes, the school administration will decide to hold a second round of elections or several candidates for Parliament will be considered the winners. 2.7. The term of office of Members of Parliament shall be one year. A Member of Parliament has the right to vote for a Member of Parliament several times.

## 3. Chairman of the Parliament:

3.1. The Student Parliament is chaired by the Speaker of Parliament.
3.2. The Chairperson of the Student Parliament shall be elected from among the members of the Student Parliament by the students of grades VI-XII of the school by secret ballot. At least half of the students' members of parliament must participate in the election of the chairperson.
3.3. If there are several candidates for the post of the Speaker of the Parliament, the winner of the election shall be the candidate who obtains the simple majority of votes of the students participating in the respective elections (at least half of the members of the Parliament).
3.4. Elections for the Speaker of Parliament must be held once a year, no later than 4 weeks after the election of the newly convened Parliament.
3.5. Prior to the election of a new Speaker of the Parliament, the duties of the Speaker of the Parliament shall be performed by the Speaker of the Parliament of the previous convocation.
3.6. The Student Parliamentary Candidate may be nominated by the Parliamentary Candidate himself / herself.
3.7. A candidate for the presidency of Parliament may, at his or her discretion, be appointed by the school administration to a trusted person who shall be a school employee.
3.8. All candidates for the presidency of the Parliament have an equal right to actively use school television and other media in the school for the pre-election campaign.

## 4. Student Committee

4.1. The Student Committee is the lower house of parliament.
4.2. The Student Committee is elected by the students of grades VI-VIII according to a separate class, by secret ballot, representing two students from each class.

## 5. Commissions

5.1. The following committees function in the Student Parliament: Steering Committee, Public Relations and Communication Commission, Public Service Commission, Events Commission, Sports Commission.
5.2. The functions of the commissions are:
5.2.1. The steering committee develops the work plan of the parliament, mentors the members of the student committee, discusses the problems of the students and allows all the students to express their opinion and remarks. 5.2.2. The duty of the Public Relations and Communication Commission is to update the page of the students' parliament on the school website, to publish news in the school newspaper, to cooperate with the school television.
5.2.3. The Community Service Commission carries out volunteer activities to help the school community or the general public, raise funds for charitable projects, and enhance student academic achievement.
5.2.4. The task of the events commission is to plan and organize events independently, to create scenery, to stage performances, to cooperate with the school administration in organizing events.
5.2.5. The Sports Commission organizes sports competitions, manages the school sports team (football, basketball, etc. (if any)), promotes sports in the school.
5.3. The Parliament elects a secretary from among its members, who is obliged to draw up the minutes of the sitting of the Parliament and to keep records of the attendance of the members of the Parliament.
5.4. The Secretary of Parliament is elected by a majority vote of the members of Parliament present at the sitting.
5.5. The sitting of the Parliament is held at least once a month. In case of urgent need, an extraordinary session may be convened.
5.6. Parliament makes the following decisions:
5.6.1. Parliament approves the work program;

### 5.6.2. Makes decisions;

5.6.3. Determines the number and numerical composition of the parliamentary commissions;
5.6.4. Hears the report of the chairmen of the commissions on the work done 1-2 times a semester;
5.6.5. Has the right to abolish the commission or replace the chairman of the commission.
5.7. The Student Parliament is authorized to make a decision if the proposal is supported by at least $2 / 3$ of the members of Parliament.
5.8. The Chairperson of the Parliament, Member of Parliament, Member of the Student Committee, Member of the Parliamentary Commission who violates the internal regulations of the school or fails to attend 4 (four) or more sessions for unreasonable reasons will be summoned by the school self-government body.
5.9. In order to increase the cooperation between the Parliament and the teachers, the Student Parliament is consulted by one of the teachers of the school - the Coordinator of the Student Parliament.
6. Pre-election campaign:
6.1. In the election process, all candidates enjoy equal rights and equal responsibilities.
6.2. During the pre-election campaign, any candidate has the right to prepare pre-election statements, captions, papers, photographs and more. Do not interfere with their distribution or prohibit them in any other way.
6.3. During the pre-election campaign, any candidate has the right to come up with his / her future action plan and to make it known to the members of the school community.
6.4. During the pre-election campaign, it is prohibited to give gifts and / or other material values to students in any form and / or form. The materials used and / or the measures taken in this process should not go beyond the reasonable framework and should be in line with the objectives of the existence and functioning of the Student Parliament.

