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NOS Student Council Elections 2023-2024

Stemming from our aim of helping our students exhibit a high sense of ethical awareness and demonstrate a sense of belonging to their society and humanity at large, NOS will hold its Grades (5-12) Student Council Elections according to the Student Council in Government and Private School Instructions No. 8 of 2012 issued by the Jordanian Ministry of education.

First: Dates of the Student Council Elections for Grades (5-12) for the 2023-2024

Grade (5) Elections: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Grades (6-8) Elections: Thursday, October 12, 2023

Grades (9-12) Elections: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Second: The Counseling Department, in cooperation with National & Social Studies teachers carried out election awareness sessions for students explaining the aims of the Student Council and the nomination and election procedures, as well as rules for nomination and campaigning 2 weeks before elections.

Third: Awareness Sessions Focused on the Following Points:

1. Students can register their own names if they are candidates.
2. Each student must write only one candidate's name on the ballot paper.
3. Students have the right to privacy and to freedom of choice. (Students should not feel pressured to tell others who they voted for or pressured by their friends to vote for a specific candidate).

Fourth: Election Campaigns

1. Candidates are allowed to prepare posters, using cardboard paper of any colour and size. Posters should contain informative slogans about the nominees' agenda (what they would do if they are elected).
2. Campaign posters are posted inside the classrooms under the supervision of homeroom teachers.
3. Posters should be put up on the bulletin boards or walls using tape. Glue is not allowed.
4. In their electoral campaigns, candidates should refrain from using any offensive slogans and should not tamper with or write on other candidates' ads.
5. After the elections, candidates need to remove their posters the next day and repair damages, if any.
6. Candidates are not allowed to distribute sweets or any kind of gifts to voters prior to the elections or to promise to do so after the elections.

Fifth: Nomination Procedures

1. Candidates of the same class announce their candidacy before their classmates in the presence of the supervising teacher/counselor.
2. Each candidate must fill in the application form. Students of Grade (5) submit their written application to the stage counsellor and students of Grades (6-12) fill in the electronic form on the link to be provided.
3. Each candidate must sign the rules and regulations of the electoral campaign document and give it to the stage counsellor.
4. Counselors submit the list of students who nominated themselves to the teacher supervising the elections.
5. Each section from Grade (5-12) represents an independent constituency.
6. Pastoral care leaders review the names of students who nominated themselves to ensure that they comply with the rules and regulations before accepting their nomination.

Sixth: Voting Procedures

1. Students of each section elect two students to represent them in the Student Council.
2. Votes are submitted inside each classroom by secret ballots.
3. Voters cast their votes on the official form stamped with the school stamp.
4. Voting is done in accordance with the principle of single vote (each student can write the name of one candidate only on the ballot paper).
5. Students can register their names if they candidates.
6. When students write the names of their candidates, they should fold the ballot paper and wait for all other students to finish writing the names.
7. Students stand and head towards the ballot box and put their ballot papers in the ballot box by themselves.
8. Two students, who are not candidates, are chosen from each section to help the teacher in the counting of votes.
9. Students should be encouraged to vote, not to abstain.
10. Students are encouraged not to ask each other who each voted for in keeping with the principle of the right to privacy.

Seventh: Annulled Ballot Papers:

A ballot paper shall be annulled if:

1. It is not stamped with the school stamp and signed by the principal.
2. It does not contain a candidate's name.
3. It contains names, signs and titles other than those of the candidates.
4. It contains more than one name of the candidates' names.
5. It is not readable.

Eighth: Counting process

1. The counting process starts immediately after the completion of the balloting on the board in the presence of students of the concerned class.
2. Two students from the section, who are not nominees, will be selected to assist the teacher in the counting process.
3. The name of the student who collected the highest number of votes shall be recorded.

4. If two candidates collect the same number of votes and rank first, their names will be approved as the class representatives in the council and there will be no second rank candidate. If two candidates collect the same number of votes and rank second, reelections should be held in the classroom where two candidates won the same votes of the second rank. If they again win the same votes, a draw is made to determine the winner.
5. Election results and names of winning students in each class shall be announced immediately after the counting process, provided that the number of winners shall not exceed two from each section.
6. Election results shall be given to the teacher in charge of the parliament.
7. Balloting results and names of winners of all classes shall be posted on the elections bulletin boards in each section in cooperation with art teachers.

Wishing All Our Students the Best of Luck

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