

# What Are Some Purposes of Our Student Council?

If a visitor to your school asked, "What is the purpose of your student council?" . . . what would I say? Here are purposes that I believe are important:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What does our student council constitution say? Should it say more? How do I get more added or something taken out?

Here is a checklist of some reasons for the existence of student council. Check the reasons that apply or that you would like to see apply:

- | Does                     | Does not,<br>but should  | Does not,<br>should not  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Represent student feelings, opinions, and interests.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Give students a share in decision making.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Help develop potential leaders through leadership workshops and other organizations.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Encourage students to participate in school activities.                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Promote an activity program that's open to all students.                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Promote respect for law and order.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Emphasize citizenship and democracy.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Help students understand and accept their role in school government.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Develop within individuals a sense of responsibility for their own conduct or behavior.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Develop understanding, respect, and appreciation for cultural differences or similarities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Develop a sensitivity to and awareness of the needs and problems of others                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Develop desirable sportsmanship attitudes . . . a reason for spirit.                       |

