

Charter of the Student Council of "The Little Prince" Educational Complex

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. This charter regulates the formation, activities, and powers of student self-governance bodies of the "Public Educational Institution of the Republic of Armenia" state non-commercial organization (hereinafter referred to as the institution), as well as legal relations related to the institution's management and advisory bodies.
- 2. The general assembly of students of each institution of the Republic of Armenia is authorized to establish a student council of the institution based on this charter and to adopt its own charter, thereby implementing student self-governance accordingly.
- 3. The student council is established to facilitate the organization of the institution's activities in accordance with the principles of democracy and self-governance, to ensure the free expression of students' opinions on matters directly concerning them, and to oversee the observance of the provisions of the institution's charter regarding students' rights and obligations.
- 4. The Student Council is a representative body endowed with powers of student autonomy and self-governance, whose main principles of activity are: voluntariness, equality of students' rights, collegiality of governance, and publicity.
- 5. Students can also form clubs and associations according to their preferences, which also serve as links promoting the development of student self-governance and operate in accordance with the principles set forth in point 4 of this charter.
- 6. In its activities, the Student Council is guided by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia and its own charter created on the basis of this charter.
- 7. The Student Council may have its own forms, symbols, and other means of individualization bearing its name, on which the Armenian name of the student council is mandatory.
- 8. The Student Council may cooperate with student self-governance bodies and organizations of Armenian and foreign educational institutions in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF STUDENT SELF-GOVERNANCE

1. The main objectives of student self-governance are:

- 2. Promoting the formation of a comprehensively developed personality educated in the spirit of patriotism, statehood, and humanism.
- 3. Promoting the strengthening of the spiritual and intellectual potential of the people, and the preservation and development of national and universal values.
- 4. Promoting the development of democracy, student self-organization, and self-governance abilities in the institution.
- 5. Assisting in the creation of favorable conditions for students' self-expression and free expression of opinion.
- 6. Assisting in the full awareness and realization of students' rights and obligations.
- 7. Protection of the rights and freedoms of students of the institution.
- 8. Supporting measures aimed at students' health, life safety, and social security, and assisting in ensuring students' initiatives.
- 9. Assisting in the implementation of programs aimed at students' education and self-education, and their comprehensive development in the institution.
- 10. Assisting in the formation of the young generation, their proper conduct and behavior, the establishment and development of civil society, and the building of a legal, democratic state.

III. THE SUPREME BODY OF STUDENT SELF-GOVERNANCE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STUDENTS)

- 1. The supreme body of student self-governance of the institution is the general assembly of students of grades 8-12 of the institution.
- 2. The first general assembly of students is convened by the director of the institution during the first week of September.
- 3. The first general assembly of students of the institution makes a decision on:
- 4. Forming a student council the executive body of student self-governance in the institution.
- 5. Approving the charter and formation procedure of the institution's student council based on this charter.
- 6. Approving the numerical composition of the student council.
- 7. Approving the composition of the working group coordinating the formation of the student council (hereinafter referred to as the electoral commission).
- 8. The general assembly of students of the institution:
- 9. Approves the charter of the student self-governance body and makes changes to it.
- 10. Takes note of the director's annual program message regarding the institution's activities.
- 11. Discusses the annual reports of the student council and its chairman and provides an appropriate assessment (unsatisfactory, satisfactory, good) through open voting.
- 12. Hears the report of the Deputy Director for Specialized Educational Support or the Organizer of Students' Educational Work on the organization of extracurricular and out-of-school activities during the academic year.
- 13. Discusses other issues provided within the scope of its powers by this charter and adopts appropriate decisions, the execution of which is mandatory for the student council.
- 14. The general assembly of students is convened no less than twice a year by the student council. An extraordinary meeting may be convened at the request of 1/3 of the student

council members or at the initiative of the institution's director.

IV. ELECTORAL COMMISSION

- 1. An electoral commission is formed for the purpose of organizing elections of student self-governance bodies, consisting of one student from each class council who is not included in the council.
- 2. The electoral commission elects a chairman at its first meeting. The chairman is elected by a simple majority of votes. The form of voting is decided by the commission.
- 3. In exercising its powers, the electoral commission cooperates with the institution's council, pedagogical, parental councils, and administration.
- 4. The Electoral Commission:
- 5. Organizes the elections of class councils and approves the compositions of class councils.
- 6. Approves the composition of the institution's student council (hereinafter referred to as the student council) based on the results of class council elections.
- 7. Organizes the elections of the chairman of the student council.

V. CLASS BODIES OF STUDENT SELF-GOVERNANCE

- 1. The initial structural unit of student self-governance in the institution is the class general assembly, which forms the class council. The council consists of three to five students elected from the given class, with a term of one year. All students of a class with a composition of up to three students are considered members of the student council.
- 2. The member of the class council who gathers the most votes in the class general assembly is considered the chairman of the class council. In case of an equal maximum number of votes received by council members, the chairman of the council is determined by lot by the electoral commission.
- 3. The class general assembly is convened as needed, but no less than once every two months, at the initiative of the class teacher, the class council, the chairman of the council, or 1/3 of the class students.
- 4. The class general assembly approves the annual report of the class council and its chairman.
- 5. The Class Council:
- 6. Initiates and, together with the class leader (class teacher), organizes events, competitions, targeted excursions, tours, etc., aimed at promoting the academic progress, health improvement, and physical development of the class students.
- 7. Cooperates with the committees of the student council for the organization of class and school events.
- 8. Exercises other powers arising from this charter.
- 9. The powers of the chairman of the class council may be terminated prematurely in case of transfer to another class or school, or in case of a vote of no confidence by a decision of 2/3 of the participants of the class meeting.
- 10. In case of a vote of no confidence in the chairman of the class council, the general assembly of the class hears his explanation.
- 11. The issue of expressing no confidence in the chairman of the class council is put to discussion:

12. In cases of exceeding the powers defined by this charter and its own charter, or for not fulfilling duties for disrespectful reasons.

VI. THE EXECUTIVE BODY OF STUDENT SELF-GOVERNANCE: THE STUDENT COUNCIL

- 1. The student council is formed by closed, secret ballot, with up to two representatives elected from the class assemblies of grades 8-12 of the institution, within 10 days after the class assemblies, but no later than September 20 of the given academic year.
- 2. Class teachers may participate in the meetings of the student council with an advisory vote.
- 3. The chairman of the student council is elected by the students of the institution through closed, secret ballot, by a simple majority of votes, but with the participation of no less than half of the total number of students.
- 4. Candidates for the chairman of the student council are nominated only from among the members of the student council during the period from September 20-25 of the given academic year. Candidates, according to the schedule approved by the electoral commission, present their programs for the activities of the institution's student council.
- 5. The election results are summarized and announced by the electoral commission immediately after the vote.
- 6. The chairman of the student council is elected for one academic year (the same person may be re-elected, but no more than twice).
- 7. Student council meetings are convened at least once a month. Extraordinary meetings are convened at the initiative of the chairman of the student council, the director, the director's deputy for specialized educational support, and/or at the request of 1/3 of the student council members and by decision of the general assembly of the institution's students.
- 8. The procedure for conducting the vote (closed or open) is determined by the student council. Decisions are adopted by a simple majority of votes. In case of an equal number of votes, the chairman's vote is decisive.
- 9. Student council meetings are minuted and published in accordance with the decision of the student council.
- 10. To organize the activities of the student council in accordance with this charter, relevant specialized committees are created, which elect a committee coordinator from among their members.
- 11. Specialized committees are formed according to areas of activity (educational, military-sports, healthcare, social, cultural, disciplinary, legal, informational, etc.).
- 12. The duties and powers of the specialized committees are defined by the student council. Teachers, parents, and specialists in relevant fields may also be included in the committees at the suggestion of the student council.

VII. JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

- 1. The Student Council:
- 2. Participates with an advisory vote in the meetings of the institution's governing council and pedagogical council in discussions of issues related to the content of student education, the quality of knowledge assimilation, and the organization of extracurricular and out-of-school activities with them.

- 3. Submits an opinion to the pedagogical council of the institution regarding the application of disciplinary sanctions against a student for violating the institution's internal disciplinary rules in individual cases.
- 4. May establish youth clubs and supports the organization of their work.
- 5. Participates in the implementation of programs assisting the community.
- 6. Responds to and processes individual and collective proposals and applications from students within its jurisdiction.
- 7. Works to improve student discipline, attendance, and academic progress.
- 8. Supports the implementation of other works directly related to students by the institution's governing council, pedagogical council, parental council, and administration.
- 9. Exercises other powers arising from the school and these charters.
- 10. The Student Council submits proposals to the institution's administration regarding:
- 11. The institution's internal disciplinary rules.
- 12. The organization of students' rest and leisure.
- 13. Strengthening the connection between the institution and the family.
- 14. The content of teaching, the quality of students' knowledge assimilation, and the improvement of their behavior and discipline.
- 15. The Student Council, together with the institution's governing council and other advisory bodies:
- 16. Participates in the organization of students' extra-curricular, out-of-school, and extracurricular educational work.
- 17. Participates in the registration of orphaned children and children in need of assistance in the process of organizing and implementing work to provide them with material and other assistance.
- 18. Protects children's rights in the institution.
- 19. Promotes the maintenance of the school's sanitary and hygienic conditions.
- 20. Cooperates with class teachers to implement measures provided for in the class teacher's work plan.

VIII. POWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

- 1. The Chairman of the Student Council:
- 2. Leads the activities of the council during the period between meetings.
- 3. Is the representative of the students in relations with other bodies of the institution.
- 4. Participates in the work of the institution's pedagogical, parental councils, school governing council, and administration with an advisory vote.
- 5. Submits an annual report to the general assembly of students on the work carried out by the student council and himself.
- 6. Coordinates the activities of class councils and committees, ensures cooperation between class councils and committees.
- 7. Exercises other powers in accordance with this charter.
- 8. The powers of the chairman of the student council are terminated prematurely in cases of transfer to another institution, resignation, or a vote of no confidence. The initiative to express no confidence can be discussed if it is initiated by 1/3 of the students entitled to vote.

- 9. The issue of no confidence in the chairman of the student council is discussed at the general assembly of students, where his (the chairman's) explanation regarding the issue is heard.
- 10. No confidence in the chairman of the student council is accepted:
- 11. In case of exceeding the powers defined by this and its own charter, or for not fulfilling duties for disrespectful reasons.
- 12. A decision to express no confidence is adopted if 2/3 of the students entitled to vote cast their vote in favor.

IX. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Members of the student council, the chairman of the student council, members of the committees, and members of the councils representing the classes, when acting on behalf of their institution, class, or student self-governance body, must protect the rights and legitimate interests of their institution and self-governance body.

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