

# Al Ittihad Private School Jumeirah



## Parents Council Policy AY 2024-2025

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## Vision Statement

“A generation of heritage guardians and global thinkers.”

## Mission Statement

IPS-Jumeirah provides a nurturing learning environment which motivates students to develop and exercise essential leadership skills for the 21st century. Our programs promote lifelong learners who display self-discipline, the ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams, display tolerance and acceptance of others, while encouraging them to become global citizens who stay true to their heritage.

## Core Values

- Tolerance
- Compassion
- Resilience
- Innovation
- Honesty
- Respect
- Collaboration

Al Ittihad Private School–Jumeirah is one of the five Al Ittihad Private School branches and opened its doors in 1998. IPS-J is serving a community of over 2,500 students and has become one of the premier schools in Dubai offering an American Curriculum. The school follows a standards-based US curricular program (California and MOE standards) from Pre-K to Grade 12 designed to prepare students for post-secondary education. IPS-J is an inclusive school offering a learning support program, which enables the admissions of a managed number of students requiring learning support at each grade level.

## I. Objectives

To provide support and resources to the school for the benefit and educational growth of the children; to engage parents on relevant school policies; to foster parental engagement and involvement; provide an additional channel of communication and information sharing between parents and the school; to provide opportunities for parents to assist in implementing policies, activities, and services.

## II. Purpose

The purpose of the Parent Council should be:

- To provide a means of engagement that promotes co-operation between parents, the Director, the Senior Leadership (SLT), and school administration.
- To acquaint parents with strategies, activities and objectives of the school that will provide parents the opportunity to support each other and teachers in an informed, welcoming, and supportive environment.
- The Parent Council will be responsible for ensuring that they always represent the voice of most parents in any issues relevant to the entire parent body by communicating with the school SLT.

## III. Role

The school Parent Council is an advisory body, which may only make recommendations to school administration on any matters the Council identifies as priorities, such as:

- Communication
- Policies and Guidelines
- Parental Involvement
- School Improvement Planning
- School Events

In addition to its advisory responsibilities, the school Parent Council shall:

- Develop strategies/initiatives that the Parent Council could use that enhance communication between school and parents and focuses on engagement of students' achievement and well-being.
- Assist in school events and activities as directed by the school management. Events and activities final program, budget and details are to be decided by the school's management.
- Share new initiatives with the SLT, who in turn will decide on how and when to implement any initiative.
- Not be engaged in any students' behavioral issues in the school.
- Not to communicate with any 3rd party entity on behalf of the school except with prior approval from SLT. All official communication must be through the school management.
- Share a plan for their activities and discuss it with the Senior Leadership team.
- Manage and account for any funds collected or expended by the Parent Council through their Treasurer.
- Obtain written approval from the School Principal before planning any fund-raising for any event. The school will submit a permit request to the KHDA and other authorities, if needed, before giving any approval on fund raisings. Such events might be like annual Bake Sale, the Winter Fair, International Day, Ramadan Iftar, Dinner, etc. After the event, a written statement of Parent Council income and expenditure must be given to the school.

## IV. Parent Council Relationship

Parents of students currently registered at IPS-J can nominate themselves to be part of the Parent Council once the nomination is open. The school shares the resume of every nominee. All parents will be invited to elect the 12 members of the council during the assigned election days.

Elected members with the highest number of votes will be appointed as the Chairperson of the Parent Council. The second highest nominee will be the Vice Chairperson.

## V. Parent Council Meetings

- The Council meets monthly between September and June of each school year with the elected Chair and Vice Chair. Additional meetings will be scheduled when needed.
- Under no circumstances are Parent Council meetings to be held in private residences or commercial venues (e.g., restaurants and malls).

## VI. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring on the Parent Council Committee between elections shall be filled by the majority votes of the remaining nominees.

Any PC member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Parent Council meetings must submit in writing an explanation showing good cause, which explains his or her reason for not attending these meetings. Parent Council in agreement with the SLT will decide if the member is to continue in his/her role.

## VII. Disclaimer

### Disclaimer

This policy was developed by Al Ittihad Private School-Jumeirah. It is intended for use exclusively by school staff and students. Any external use, whether in whole or in part, requires management approval. Any exceptions to this policy must also be approved in advance by the school management.

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