

School Governing Body

A School Governing Body (SGB) is tasked with ensuring that the school runs smoothly and efficiently. Such democratically elected SGBs are critical to:

- Improve quality of education;
- Ensure good governance;
- Ensure that schools serve the interests of the community and meet expectations of parents;
- Assist in spreading the cost of education across users and society as a whole;
- Combat racism, sexism and all other forms of unfair discrimination and intolerance.

SGBs are accountable to the school community and should work with dedication and commitment to create the conditions to achieve quality learning and teaching in all our schools.

What does the SGB do?

Governing bodies have a key role to play around making policies relating to issues such as language, religious instruction, school fees and a code of conduct for learners. However, it must be noted that governing bodies are compelled to make policies that:

- Allow all South African children to enter the schooling system;
- Promote values of non-racialism and equality between boy and girl learners;
- Help communities to respect and tolerate all religions and cultures in our country;
- Encourage children to speak a range of our country's languages;
- Respect children's rights and promote non-violent ways of solving problems.

Why should parents get involved in the SGB?

As a parent, you have the perfect opportunity to promote possibilities and opportunities for all the learners that are at your children's school, by taking part in the 2012 SGB Elections. It is the responsibility of every parent to take an interest and have their say in the running of their child's school, to ensure that the school provides the best possible quality of education to all the school's learners.