Policy on Membership and Enrollment Reporting for Multi-Level Schools



The Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) has seen a growing number of schools with multiple grade levels (e.g., elementary/middle schools and middle/high schools) seeking membership. To ensure fairness and consistency in representation, voting strength, and dues assessment, the following policy will apply moving forward.

General Principle

Membership structure and enrollment reporting must accurately reflect how student council organizations operate within a school. Enrollment numbers reported to MASC must correspond only to the grade levels represented by the student council seeking membership.

Elementary/Middle Schools (e.g., K–8)

- Elementary/middle schools should only report the enrollment of students in grades 6-8, not the enrollment of the entire school.
  - Votes and dues will be assessed based on the reported 6–8 enrollment.

Middle/High Schools (e.g., 6–12)

- Middle/high schools may choose one of two membership structures:
  - **Single Membership:** One student council represents all grades, and the school reports a single combined enrollment.
  - **Separate Memberships:** Separate middle school (grades 6–8) and high school (grades 9–12) student councils may each apply for membership.
    - In this case, each membership must report only the enrollment of the grades it represents.
    - Schools may not report the full school enrollment for both memberships.

Administrative Review

- Membership applications and reported enrollments are subject to review by MASC.
- Schools may be asked to clarify student council structures or enrollment figures before membership is finalized.
- Final determination rests with MASC to ensure consistency with this policy.

Purpose of This Policy

This policy is intended to:

- Ensure equitable representation across member schools
- Align voting strength and dues with actual student council participation
- Provide clarity and consistency for schools with multiple grade levels



Schools with questions about how to report enrollment or structure their membership are encouraged to contact MASC prior to submitting an application.

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