

KEY INFORMATION FOR THE 2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTIONS

Key dates

- **Monday, April 15:** Candidate nominations open
Completed nomination forms can be submitted to the returning officer appointed for the school.
- **Thursday, April 25 at noon:** Candidate nominations close
All nomination papers must be received by the returning officer appointed for the school.
Where there are more candidates than elected positions, a poll will be arranged. If not, the nominated candidates will be declared elected.
- **Saturday, May 4 from 11 AM to 4 PM:** Early voting
In-person voting is available at schools holding a vote.
- **Monday, May 6 from 3 to 8 PM:** Polling day
In-person voting is available at schools holding a vote.
When polls close, the candidates with the most votes will be declared elected.

Eligibility to vote or be a candidate in a school council election

Yukoners can be nominated or vote in a school council election if they are a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years of age, and either:

- are the parent/guardian of a student who attends the school
AND/OR
- have been a resident in the school's attendance area for at least three (3) months.

School council elections at the three Whitehorse Catholic schools require residents to also be registered parishioners at Sacred Heart Cathedral parish or Our Lady of Victory parish. Unregistered Catholics can contact the Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse to discuss other options.

Becoming a candidate in a school council election

Candidates must submit a completed nomination form to the returning officer appointed for the school election. Returning officers will accept nomination forms between **Monday, April 15 and Thursday, April 25 at noon**.

Returning officers will also be available at schools with councils between 10 AM and 12 noon on April 25 to accept any last-minute nominations.

Whistle Bend Elementary School's returning officer will be available to accept any last-minute nominations from 10 am to 12 noon on Thursday, April 25 at Porter Creek Secondary School.

Prospective candidates should visit ElectionsYukon.ca to learn more and download nomination forms.

Voting in a school council election

Where there are more candidates than elected positions, a vote will be held. Schools holding an election will have in-person voting on:

- Saturday, May 4 from 11 AM to 4 PM
- Monday, May 6 from 3 PM to 8 PM

Yukon schools with a school council

Seventeen (17) Yukon schools have a council; each with between three and seven elected positions. Members are elected every two years, the last being in the spring of 2022. Members receive honoraria for attending regular meetings. Yukon schools with a council include:

	YUKON SCHOOLS	# ELECTED MEMBERS
Community schools	Del Van Gorder School (Faro)	5
	J.V. Clark School (Mayo)	3
	Khàtinaxh Community School (Teslin)	3
	Robert Service School (Dawson)	6
	Tantalus School (Carmacks)	3
Catholic schools	Christ the King Elementary School	5
	Holy Family Elementary School	5
	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School	5
Whitehorse-area schools	École Selkirk Elementary School	5
	École Whitehorse Elementary School	7
	Elijah Smith Elementary School	3
	F.H. Collins Secondary School	7
	Golden Horn Elementary School	5
	Hidden Valley School	5
	Jack Hulland Elementary School	7
	Porter Creek Secondary School	7
Whistle Bend Elementary School	5	

Role of school councils

The duties and powers of school councils are described in the *Education Act*; specifically:

- Reviewing and approving school growth plans;
- Establishing school-based policies on attendance, discipline, and dispute resolution
- Participating in the hiring of school principals;
- Making recommendations on how school budgets are spent; and
- Advising on other matters, such as:
 - Locally-developed courses of study
 - School closures
 - Student transportation
 - Length of the school year
 - Staffing needs
 - School renovations and capital expenditures and
 - Recommending evaluation, discipline, demotion, or dismissal of teachers or the principal