



# Suratthani International School

## House Policy

### Introduction

The STIS House Policy is a means of creating smaller communities within the wider community of STIS. On this simplistic level, the system serves to create teams and it is one vehicle through which to administer and supervise pastoral care. STIS aims to instill principles of teamwork, community, and healthy competition through the administration of our House Policy.

Students can achieve house-points in the following categories:

House Point	Example
Academic (A)	This could be for a variety of academic reasons in class. However, it needs to be for outstanding work and not simply completing expected tasks.
Community (C)	Being a good helpful student towards others, showing a caring attitude, displaying characteristics of being a global citizen
English Speaking (E)	Showing above average skills in: Reading Writing Speaking, both in and out of the classroom
Extra-Curricular (X)	Participation in school extra-curricular activities Showing skills above the norm Challenging and developing one's skills Achieving highly in a extra-curricular skill

No more than FIVE (5) house points are to be awarded by a teacher for any of the list's tasks above. However, if a student is awarded more than 5 house points, it must be for exemplary attainment. If a teacher believes that a student should be given more than 5 house points, they would need to justify this to the Principal.

Once a student has gained a house point, they may not be removed or taken away. House points stay for the duration of the year and are an individual achievement. House points may be taken away from the whole house due to poor behaviour (please see the Behaviour Policy).



House points updates for both students and houses will be given out once a month at the assembly time. House points will be awarded for different competitions held at the school and these may include:

- Interhouse Sports Day
- House Competitions held throughout the year
- Fun Week
- International Week
- Academic Week
- School representation

Any school competition which takes place throughout the year will be linked to house points. However, if large amounts of house points are allocated, this needs to first be discussed with the Principal.

### **Point from Competitions.**

Trophies will be awarded at the end of each year to the winning house for the different types of activities. These activities will occur throughout the year and house points will be allocated as follows:

<b>Individual House Points</b>	<b>Team House Points</b>
Individual 1 <sup>st</sup> place = 20 Points	Team 1 <sup>st</sup> place = 40 points
Individual 2 <sup>nd</sup> place = 15 Points	Team 2 <sup>nd</sup> place = 30 points
Individual 3 <sup>rd</sup> place = 10 Points	Team 3 <sup>rd</sup> place = 20 points
Individual 4 <sup>th</sup> place = 5 Points	Team 4 <sup>th</sup> place = 10 points

Each student is expected to take part in a variety of competitions throughout the year and the points gained therein will be added to the individual scores as well as the overall house score.

Points may vary from competition to competition with the number of participants involved in each activity.



### **Staff Members:**

A staff member from the academic staff will be appointed as the Head of House. They will be responsible for holding meetings and making sure that their houses run smoothly. Their responsibilities will include, but not limited to:

- Monitor the House Points
- Report any house problems to the Senior Management Team (SMT)
- Communication information with the student Head of House
- Assist in the house competition events

### **Students:**

Students will also have to take responsibility for their House by making sure that they gain as many house points as possible.

Students need to represent their houses in as many house competitions as possible. Students will be awarded certificates throughout the year for reaching certain milestones. These will be:

- Bronze Certificate: 50 House Points
- Silver Certificate: 100 House Points
- Gold Certificate: 200 House Points
- Platinum Certificate: 400 House Points

### **House Captains:**

House Captains will be elected by the Head of House after a vote has been cast by the students. The captains need to be a boy and a girl from middle school. They will start their duties in August and their duties will run for one academic year. The responsibilities of the House Captain are to:

- Attend meetings with their House Leader/Head of House
- Attend meetings with the student's council if they are not already represented
- Be a good all-around student, representing their houses in all criteria of academics, sport, citizenship and English language-use
- Assist the Head of House in organizing teams to represent their house in all competitions



### **Losing House Points:**

The house points have been set up for students to be acknowledged in the good achievement through over and above expected behaviour or attainments. However, linked to this is also the behaviour policy where students are demerited for behaviour unbecoming at STIS. If a house attains 10 demerits, the house as a collective will have 10 points deducted from their house.

### **End of Year**

The main objective of the STIS house point system is to encourage camaraderie, competition and a sense of pride and belonging amongst students. At the end of the year, the winning house will be awarded a trophy for their efforts. The winning house will depend on the total house points at the end of the year, but also during several activities. Trophies and awards will be given out to teams, individuals, and the House for Academic, Community, English and Extra-Curricular successes. There will also be awards given out to the winning house and any other exceptional students during the end of year House assembly. The trophies will be as follows:

<b>House Awards</b>	<b>Individual Awards</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Surat Shield (winning house trophy)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Talad Shield (winning house captain shield)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic Trophy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scholars Award (individual academic house points)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Trophy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Citizenship Award (individual citizenship award)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Trophy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Speaker of the Year (individual English points)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sports Trophy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victor Ladorum (individual sports man of the year)</li></ul>
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## STIS Houses

**The Red Kaifas**



**The Yellow Hanumans**



**The Blue Plaguds**



**The Green Nokyus**

