



Faith High School Student Council Constitution

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Approved by:

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ARTICLE I

Definition

The following is a set of rules and guidelines intended to govern and guide the student council in performing their duties as representatives of the student body of Faith High School.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the FHS student council shall be:

- a. To promote a significant learning experience for students, staff, and community.
- b. To develop behavioral evidence of good citizenship, leadership, service, and human values.
- c. To promote harmonious relationships, improve morale, assist in the management of the school, provide a forum for student voice and channels for student involvement, and provide orderly direction of school activities.

ARTICLE III

General Objectives

The objectives of the FHS Student Council shall be:

- a. To represent our student body and achieve goals set by our governing body
- b. To effectively satisfy the needs of all students within the high school
- c. To provide education and entertaining activities to the student body

ARTICLE IV

Power and Authority

Section 1: All powers of the student council are delegated to it by the school administration and/or the Board of Education.

ARTICLE V

Requirements

Section 1: Any registered student with a cumulative C average or better of FHS is eligible to be elected to represent their class in the student council. The president of each class will also be included as a member of the FHS student council. On the Student Council, the Senior class shall have one representative in addition to the class president and the Student Council president, the Junior class shall have one representative in addition to the class president, the Sophomore class shall have one representative in addition to the class president, and the Freshmen class shall have one representative in addition to the class president.

Section 2: Any student who will be a senior with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better is eligible to run for President of the FHS Student Council. These people will be nominated by the high school teachers on basis of character traits and leadership skills.

Section 3: Any student who will be a junior or senior with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better is eligible to run for Vice President of the FHS Student Council.

Section 4: Any student who will be a sophomore, junior, or senior with a GPA of 3.0 or better is eligible to run for secretary/treasurer of the FHS Student Council.

Section 5: Any student council member may be recommended for removal from his or her office for failure to represent the student council or his or her constituents appropriately and/or failure to carry out the duties or any other actions that are detrimental to the school. This will be determined by a two-thirds majority decision of the other council members and approval of the advisor and principal. The Vice President of that class will then take over that person's position on the student council.

Any student council member who does not maintain a cumulative C average or better, as recorded on report cards, may be removed from office. If a student council member is on the "deficiency" list for 3 weeks in a row, they may be removed from office.

Section 6: Any student council member with 2 unexcused absences will be removed from their position. Two tardies count as one unexcused absence. Each absence will require the member to write a short note explaining their absence to be given to the advisor upon arrival at school. Failure to do this WITHOUT REMINDING will result in the absence being counted as unexcused.

Section 7: Any student in grades 9-12 with at least a C average is eligible to join as an Open Student Council Member. Students interested become full voting members of the FHS Student Council after completing the list of requirements set in place by the Executive Board of the FHS Student Council.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1: The FHS Student Council Executive Board shall consist of 4 elected officers. Sophomores are eligible for secretary and treasurer, juniors for secretary, treasurer, and vice president, and seniors for all offices. Officers will be elected in the final month of the preceding school year, or at the first meeting for the school year in which they were elected to serve.

Section 2: Any student who wishes to campaign for a class office must register his/her name with the student council advisor. According to the ground rules set in the student handbook. A petition must be completed and candidates must get signatures of a designated number of classmates to complete registration prior to the election.

Section 3: The date of the election may be set at the convenience of the faculty in order to avoid conflicts among campaigns and other activities.

Section 4: Classes 8-11 will be allowed to vote for the presidential candidate of their choice.

ARTICLE VII

Freshman Elections

Section 1: The elections of freshman class officers may take place at the beginning of the new school year or in the spring of the preceding year. The time of the elections will be determined by the advisor and/or administration.

Section 2: If during the summer or at anytime during the school year, an elected position becomes open in Grades 9-12. A special election will be held to fill that position.

ARTICLE VIII

Duties

- Section 1: The representatives shall attend all meetings of the student council, pursue the goals of any meetings of the student council, pursue the goals of any committees to which they have been assigned, and to pursue the requests of their constituents to the best of their ability. If a member misses a meeting for ANY reason, that person is required to meet with the advisor as soon as possible to see what was missed.
- Section 2: The president shall preside over the meetings of the student council, appoint committees, direct the council, and recognize members of the council who wish to bring a motion before the council.
- Section 3: The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president during an absence of the president, serve as chairperson of any and all assemblies sponsored by the student council, to serve as chairperson of the standing constitution committee, and is responsible for updating the Outstanding Student Council Report that is sent in on or before April 15.
- Section 4: The secretary shall take minutes of all official meetings of the student council, shall keep a written record of all proceedings of the council, furnish information to the president and advisor concerning action that should be taken by the council or that has been referred to a committee. Minutes should be typed and saved on the advisor's wiki within 3 days of each meeting. A copy should be printed and added to the secretary's binder for use with the Outstanding Student Council Report.
- Section 5: The treasurer shall work with the advisor and school bookkeeper to maintain records of receipts and expenditures of the council and make a financial report for every regular business meeting of the council.

ARTICLE IX

Advisor

- Section 1: The principal shall appoint a member or members of the faculty to serve as student council advisor. The term of the office of the advisor shall be left to the discretion of the principal.

ARTICLE X

Ratification and Amendments

- Section 1: This constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the student council and approved by the advisor and administration.
- Section 2: Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of the student body, the faculty or administration, and must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the student council and approved by the advisor and administration.
- Section 3: Proposed amendments must be read to the council at one regular meeting, be voted on by the council at the following meeting and then be submitted for approval.

ARTICLE XI

Activities

- Section 1: It will be the Student Council's responsibility to organize and host the homecoming activities. Committees will be appointed by the council president. The council officers and the advisor will meet before the start of the school year to discuss homecoming and set goals for the year.
- Section 2: One member will be assigned monthly to attend the monthly school board meeting. This member will take notes and report back to the council. Any issues of concern should be addressed to the Board at future meetings.
- Section 3: Other areas to be handled by the Student Council will be determined at the beginning of the school year when the yearly goals are set.