West Wing School Student Council
Constitution

Preamble

WE THE MEMBERS OF THE WEST WING SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL HAVE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL WEST WING STUDENTS HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND REPRESENTATION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONSTITUTION IS TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT THROUGH OUT THE STUDENT COUNCIL, AND INSTILL A SENSE OF COMMUNITY, CIVIC DUTY AND SERVICE AMONG STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the West Wing School Student Council.

Article II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- Develop and promote leadership abilities
- Build awareness, respect, and value for all people
- Strive for and create motivation for academic excellence
- Build a partnership between the school and community with service
- Create activities for campus pride and participation

Article III

Section I All members of the Student Council have certain powers guaranteed by the Constitution.

1. They have a right to recommend committees on the appropriate level.
2. Application of the Constitution to the school during the year.
3. Holding executive and general council meetings and reporting them.
4. Administration of elections.
5. Constitutional proposals and changes.
6. Fundraising.
7. Cooperation with faculty or advisor to perform tasks not guaranteed in the Constitution.

Section 2- Members of the Student Council have guaranteed rights but can be overruled by the advisors or principal. The advisors or principal has veto power to eliminate any proposition he/she feels is not beneficial to the school.

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Article IV

All members of the Student Council must have, maintain and uphold the academic, behavior and attendance expectations established to participate in a club or athletic program in order to hold office for the preceding marking period. Failure to do so will lead to temporary replacement chosen by the student body president and/or advisor(s).

Article V

ELECTIONS
Section 1- Candidacy and Campaigning

The student body of West Wing shall elect the officers of the Student Council for a term of one year, during a designated election week assigned by the principal or advisor of the Council, no earlier that April 15th and no later than the second week of May. Candidates shall be allowed to campaign one week (seven calendar days) prior to voting. Voting shall be done through a ballot, and the election committee and executive board shall determine all general details of the election. All elections will be run the year prior, meaning that only future 7th and 8th graders will be eligible to run for offices.

Section 2- Candidate Requirements
Candidates for the election of a student body president and vice president must be future 7th or 8th graders, and 7th or 8th grader for the committee directors. Any candidate running for Student Council President must have served at least one year on the West Wing Student Council as an officer or member in good standing. All candidates must have, maintain and uphold the academic, behavior and attendance expectations as defined in Article VI, Section 1-Membership.

Section 3- Executive Appointments
Executive appointments for vacated offices or committee membership shall be made by the Student Council President, in consultation with the Student Council Executive Council, with the approval of the advisor(s).

Article VI

STUDENT COUNCIL

Section 1-Membership
The student council will be made up of officers and members of the school student body in grades 6, 7 and 8. Students who submit a membership application and earns a qualifying score (80%-100%) on the membership application scoring rubric will be accepted into Student Council. Students must maintain good academic, behavioral and membership standing, as defined below, in order to participate in student council and its events/activities.

a. Good academic standing is defined as a GPA 3.0 or greater. If a student’s GPA falls below the expectation at any time, student will be placed on probation for a period of up to 3 weeks until he/she is able to bring it back to the expected minimum. If after 3 weeks, the student has not been able to bring his/her GPA up to 3.0 or greater, than student may be subjected to removal from the Student Council.
b. Good behavioral standing is defined as not having more than 1 detention in a quarter, or 3 behavioral infractions in a quarter; is eligible to participate in the grade level quarterly reward party and does not have any office referrals that result in on-campus or off-campus suspensions. If a student earns more than 3 infractions or 1 detention in a quarter, the member will be placed on probation until the end of the quarter and may not be eligible to attend the next field trip. Continued membership is contingent upon improved behavior as shown by the grit card. Suspensions will be reviewed with the Assistant Principal and Student Council Advisor. The member is subject to removal from the Student Council.

c. Good membership standing in student council is defined by meeting the qualifying score on the application process and meeting the minimum points defined by the students’ scorecard which documents attendance and participation in Student Council sponsored events.

d. Removal from Student Council based on poor Academic, Behavioral or standing will be determined by the Student Council Advisors and School Administrators.

Section 2 - Officers

The ONLY executive officers of this organization shall be a President, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Vice-Presidents, and Committee Chairpersons for School Spirit, Academic Achievement, Leadership, Diversity, School and Community Involvement, and Science Officers.

A. Duties of the President-The President shall preside at all Student Council meetings, call special meetings when necessary, appoint all standing and special committees, be the chairman of the elections committee, represent the Council on all occasions, and assume all other duties generally associated with this office.

B. Duties of the Grade Level Vice-Presidents-The Vice –President shall assume the duties of the president in case of his absence or disability. It shall be the duty of the VP to prepare and assume certain responsibilities. Keep a record of all meetings of the Council and make it available for members to view on Canvas. In addition, the Vice-Presidents will keep a record of attendance and assist with committees when necessary. Assist in the documentation of finances and will be assisting the advisor with completing district requests, purchase orders, and bank deposit forms.

Section 3 - Vacancies

The student body President, with approval of the council and advisor, shall be empowered to fill any council vacancy. Appropriate vacancies shall be filled by the President, with the advice of his/ her executive committee and the approval of the council and the advisor. In the case of the vacancy of the President, the Vice-President becomes president.

Section 4 - Nominations and Elections

The elections committee and the executive board shall determine all general details of the elections.

Section 5 - Committees

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a. The following standing committees shall be appointed each year when necessary by the student body president. : Leadership, Academic Achievement, School and Community Involvement, Diversity, School Spirit, Chief Science Officers.

b. The student body will elect the Committee Chairpersons for each committee stated above.

c. Special committees may be organized as necessary.

Article VII

MEETINGS
The Student Council will meet every Friday before school unless indicated in a prior or meeting. Subsequent meetings may be called by the Advisor, or President. Executive Council meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of each week. All meetings will be held before school from 7:45-8:30 a.m. in the Science Lab or an Advisor’s classroom.

Article VIII

ADVISOR
There shall be one or more faculty advisors selected by the Principal.

Article IX

QUORUM
A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a simple majority of the council.

Article X

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
In all matters not specifically covered by this constitution, the parliamentary authority shall be "Robert’s Rules of Order."

Article XI

APPROVAL
The constitution of the Student Council of West Wing School shall be proposed by a 2/3 vote of the Student Council Executive Board and shall be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the Student Council Executive Board participating on the day of voting. Any regulation passed by the Student Council concerning the West Wing School is subject to approval by the administration.