

WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Winters High School Student Council, sponsored by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, in order to instill American ideals and develop citizenship among the youth of today, and to encourage student involvement in Winters High School, do organize ourselves to operate under the following constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be Winters High School Student Council.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: District Membership

Winters High School is a member of District 2 and the Texas Student Council
Composition

Section 2: Student Council Composition

- A. The council body will elect six officers. The offices shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian.
- B. The members will be elected for a term of one year.

Section 3: Membership Requirements

- A. Student Council is a very community service oriented organization. Throughout the year, we will participate in many programs benefitting either our school and/or our community as a whole. Members are required to take part in these events unless he/she can provide a legitimate excuse.
- B. Members will be expected to maintain a passing average each six weeks.
- C. Members shall maintain the minimum point requirements, _____ points per 6 weeks.
- D. Members will be expected to maintain behavior appropriate for school leaders in all activities in and out of school.

Section 4: Violations of Membership Requirements

- A. Grades
 - 1. Members must maintain a passing average of 70 or above. Grades will be checked according to the same schedule as all other extracurricular activities. The first time a member of placed on the failing list, he/she will be put on probation. If he/she remains on the failing list at the next grade check, he/she will be removed from Student Council until he/she can achieve a passing average.
 - 2. Any student that receives 2 or more failing averages on his/her report card during the school year will not be eligible for membership the following year.
 - 3. Excessive failing averages could result in dismissal from the council.

B. Points

1. The point system shall be used for maintaining membership and eligibility on the council. The sponsor, with the assistance of the president has the authority to determine if a project deserves more or less points. Points, in conjunction with sponsor approval, will be used for eligibility, selection for activities, and any other use deemed necessary by the executive committee and/or sponsor.
2. Cumulative point totals will be periodically checked. Members that do not maintain the required minimum point total may be dismissed from the council.

C. Behavior

1. Members are expected to adhere to all school rules and policies.
2. Members are expected to maintain satisfactory conduct at school and outside of school.
3. Behavior that is immoral or illegal (including but not limited to drinking, smoking, use of drugs, MIP, theft, etc.) will be penalized.
4. Excessive absence from school or student council activities will be penalized.
5. Members are expected to adhere by all TASC rules and policies on student council trips.

D. Penalties for inappropriate behavior

1. Illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products) will result in removal from office and suspension from student council for one full semester.
2. DAEP placement will result in removal from office and suspension from student council for the remainder of the year. The student will not be eligible for membership again.
3. Suspension from school will result in removal from office and suspension from student council for one full semester. The student will not be allowed to go on any trips for the remainder of the year. The student will not be eligible to run for an executive board office the following year.
4. ISS placement
 - i. First offense – The student will receive a warning.
 - ii. Second offense – the student will be placed on probation for a 6 weeks period.
 - iii. Third offense – The student will be placed on suspension for 3 six weeks periods. The student will be removed from office and may not run for an executive board position the following year.

Suspension – members may not participate in student council events and State or District TASC sponsored events.

Probation – members may participate in student council events but may not participate in State or District TASC events.

- A. Any vacancy for a Student Council officer will be filled by an election from within the council. Exception will be for the president's position, which shall be filled by the vice-president.
- B. In the event the president and vice-president are removed, the council will select a president and vice-president from within the council.

ARTICLE III – ELECTIONS

Elections for student council officers will be voted on within the student council membership at the end of each school year.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

- Section 1: The council shall meet as needed at the discretion of the sponsor. The president may call a special meeting with the approval of the sponsor.
- Section 2: A quorum shall be 1/2 of the membership of the council for the 1st semester and as needed for the 2nd semester.
- Section 3: Each member shall have one vote on all issues. The president shall vote in order to break a tie.
- Section 4: A meeting may be carried on only when 1/2 of the membership is present unless otherwise approved by the sponsor.
- Section 5: Each member shall attend all regular meetings of the council. If unable to attend, the member shall contact the president or sponsor prior to the meeting.
- Section 6: Meeting of the Student Council shall be conducted according to the constitution and to Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

- Section 1: The standing committees shall be as follows:
 - A. Drug, Alcohol, Safety, Health
 - B. Checkers
 - C. Football Programs
 - D. Bulletin Boards
 - E. Scrapbook
- Section 2: Each member shall volunteer for one of the committees. If a member does not volunteer for a committee, he/she will be assigned to one of the committees by the president and/or sponsor.
- Section 3: Each member shall attend all meetings of the committee to which he/she is assigned. If unable to attend, the member shall contact the committee chairperson or sponsor prior to the meeting.
- Section 4: Special committees shall be appointed when deemed necessary by the council. They shall dissolve when the council recognizes that their work is complete.
- Section 5: The Student Council will review the work of each committee at the end of the project and/or at the end of the school year.

ARTICLE VI – RATIFICATION

This constitution shall go into effect when approved by the principal and passed by 2/3 vote of all student council members.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

This constitution of the Winters High School's Student Council shall be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members and upon approval by the principal.

**WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL
CONSTITUTION**

I _____ have read and understand the Constitution of the Winters High School Student Council. As a member of Student Council, I agree to abide by all the requirements, rules and regulations as outlined in the Constitution. My parent/guardian have also read and understand the Constitution and agree with its requirements, rules and regulations.

By signing below, I and my parent/guardian agree that I will participate in and abide by the requirements, rules, and regulations of the Constitution for the Winters High School Student Council.

Student's signature Student's Grade

Parent's/Guardian's signature

1st Period Teacher

Mailing Address Phone Number