

The Woodlands High School Student Council

Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE I: NAME: This organization shall be formally known as The Woodlands High School Student Council.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE: The purposes of this organization shall be as follows:

- A. To enable students to participate meaningfully in the operation of their school;
- B. To foster a strong community spirit within the school;
- C. To enhance the organization and efficiency of student-led activities;
- D. To increase staff, student, and community awareness of the following issues:
 - 1. Energy and Environment,
 - 2. D.A.S.H.: Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health,
 - 3. Pride and patriotism, and
 - 4. Community Service.
- E. Student Council can establish new committees as need arises, such as a Special Events committee.

ARTICLE III: SOURCE OF AUTHORITY/RIGHT OF PRINCIPAL VETO

- A. Any powers held by the student council are delegated to it by The Woodlands High School Administration. Therefore, the administration has the right to withdraw any of these delegated powers and revoke action performed by the council with those powers.
- B. Executive Board
 - 1. Members:

- a. Administrator(s) including, but not limited to Campus Principal and Assistant Principal over Student Council
 - b. Student Council Advisor(s)
 - c. Student Council officers
2. Duties
- a. Review applications, elections, and processes for Student Council membership
 - b. Review discipline and/or dismissal of Council members, Council officers, and Class officer/representatives
 - c. Plan, organize, and vote on matters that take place while school is not in session

ARTICLE IV: GROUP MEMBERSHIP DEFINED

A. All members must-

1. Pay dues in the amount of \$35 – year – includes state and national dues and t-shirt
2. Maintain documentation of involvement;
3. Meet minimum participation standards:

Participation standards are outlined on the TWHS Stuco Website under the points tab. – www.twhsstuco.com

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS:

A. Applicants for Election of Student Council Officers must-

1. Meet eligibility requirements outlined in the The Woodlands High School Student Council Officer Requirement Packet -- ATTACHED
2. Complete application packet on time
3. Stay eligible

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS: Meeting dates change year to year, but hold to the following standard:

- A. Regularly scheduled meetings for all members are held every other Monday beginning the second week of school. Some dates may vary due to holidays
- B. Officer meetings attended by the officers and advisors are held 30 minutes prior to each general meeting.
- C. Special-called meetings may be necessary for urgent business

ARTICLE VII: QUORUM: (members needed to constitute a legal vote)

A quorum is reached if-

- A. All the Student Council Officers are present for the vote OR
- B. And 50% active members with voting privileges are present for the vote.
- C. It is at the discretion of the Executive Board to determine if a rescheduling of the vote is warranted.
- D. When school is not in session, the Student Council officers, advisor, and approval from the principal is all that is needed to move Student Council business forward. All attempts will be made to poll the student body for input.

ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. All members must:
 - a. Maintain eligibility for co-curricular activities required by the UIL School Policy;
 - b. Follow the Student Code of Conduct
 - c. Participate in committee work whether during or outside school hours;
 - d. Represent the general interests of the students who are their constituency.

B. For specific responsibilities and duties, see the Student Council Website and/or membership packet. The following are areas in which to serve Student Council:

- a. Council Member
- b. Committee Member and/or Chair
- c. Council Officer: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Historian, Reporter.

Article IX: LETTERMAN JACKET REQUIREMENTS

Requirements found on TWS Student Council website

- A. 250 pts - Upperclassmen
- B. 150 pts – Freshman

ARTICLE X: RATIFICATION

This constitution shall be ratified after approval by the principal, working in conjunction with the advisor, and by 75% approval of the Student Council member with voting privileges. (Popular vote-the most votes casts)

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLVEMENT

If for any reason, the student council club dissolves, the remainder of funds in said account will be dispersed evenly between the campus club accounts to support the advancement of student causes.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT

An amendment to the constitution may be proposed by popular vote of the Student Council Officers. It must be presented and approved by the Campus Administration