

BANDERA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL
CONSTITUTION



PREAMBLE

We, the students of Bandera High School, in order to promote harmony among the student body and the various inter-school organizations; to maintain a better understanding between students and the faculty; to institute a better relationship between this school and all others of this kind; and to raise the standards and ideals of students themselves, do ordain and establish this constitution for the student council of Bandera High School.

ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose

Section 1: The organization shall be known as the Student Council of Bandera High School.

Section 2: The purpose of the organization shall be:

- A. To bring about closer cooperation between the faculty and the student body as representatives of the student body;
- B. To cooperate with the administration in all problems concerning the school and the student body;
- C. To promote in each individual of Bandera High School a desire for good citizenship based on democratic processes;
- D. To create and maintain school interest, school spirit and loyalty;
- E. To provide a forum for student expression.

ARTICLE II
Membership and Qualifications

Section 1: Officers

A. Membership

- (1) All officers must have at least one year previous experience in Student Council
- (2) There shall be five officers
 - a. President must be a senior
 - b. Vice-President must be a junior or senior
 - c. Secretary-Treasurer must be a sophomore, junior or senior
 - d. Parliamentarian must be a junior or senior
 - e. Historian-Reporter must be a sophomore, junior or senior

B. Qualifications

- (1) President and Vice-President shall maintain 85 averages throughout their entire terms of office and must be passing all subjects at all times.
- (2) All other officers must maintain an average of 80 and must be passing all subjects at all times.
- (3) Officers must not have a truancy or have been guilty of a major disciplinary infraction this semester or last semester.

C. Duties and Powers of the Officers

(1) President:

- a. Is the official representative of the student body;
- b. Presides over all meetings of the Student Council, student body, and executive board;
- c. Is responsible for overseeing the actions taken by the Student Council through the Vice-President;
- d. Calls special meetings with permission of the administration;
- e. Responsible for reporting the decisions of the council during the announcements.

(2) Vice-President

- a. Serve as presiding officer in the absence of the President;
- b. Serve as the President if the office is vacated;
- c. Appoints all committees with the approval of sponsor and President;
- d. Responsible for organizing all standing committees and must be aware of all committee proceedings;
- e. Is chairperson of all committees and must report to the President.

(3) Secretary-Treasurer

- a. Keep the minutes of all executive board and Council meetings;
- b. Keep the Council's file exact and up to date;
- c. Record attendance at all meetings;
- d. Be aware of the order of business
- e. Preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President;
- f. Keep a record of all money held, acquired, and disbursed by the Student Council and make a report of them at each Student Council meeting;
- g. Promote all pecuniary affairs;
- h. Send, receive, and answer all outside correspondence at the direction of the Student Council.

(5) Parliamentarian:

- a. Shall interpret the constitution, rules of-order, and procedure of the Student Council;
- b. Decides when a vote should be taken.

Section 2: Representatives

A. Membership

- (1) Each class shall elect four representatives
- (2) All class presidents shall be members of the council
 - a. If a class president is already on the council, the alternate representative shall be moved up.
 - b. Class presidents shall have all voting rights and privileges accorded elected members.

B. Qualifications

- (1) A representative must have been enrolled in B1&D the previous semester to his/her election;
- (2) All representatives must have and maintain a 77 average or above and be passing in all subjects;
- (3) Representatives must not have a truancy or have been guilty of a major disciplinary infraction this semester or last semester.

C. Duties and Powers of Representatives

- (1) Each representative shall be on at least one standing committee which are of the following as designated by the Vice-President;

Works and Projects Committee
Welcoming Committee
Teacher Relations
Publicity Committee

- (2) Each Representative shall attempt to express the desires and opinions of the students he/she represents

ARTICLE III
Elections

Section 1: Election of Officers

- A. Officers shall be elected at least two weeks prior to the State Convention.
- B. The Executive board, including the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian-Reporter; shall be elected by the entire student body by popular vote.
- C. Candidates for these offices may get their names on the ballots by presenting a petition, signed by no less than 25 students, to the office.
 - (1) A supporting student may sign only one Presidential, one Vice-Presidential, one Secretary-Treasurer, and one Parliamentarian petition.
 - (2) Candidates' names must be submitted two weeks before election.
 - (3) Petitions must be completed one week before election.
 - (4) Campaign speeches will be given as the schedule permits, before election.
 - (5) Elected candidates shall assume their offices after the last meeting of the old council.

Section 2: Election of Representatives

- A. Prospective representatives shall submit their name to the office a week prior to their election.
- B. Representatives shall be elected no later than three weeks before the end of school of the year prior to the year they they assume their duties.

ARTICLE IV

Impeachment of Representatives and Officers

Section 1: Officers and Members

- A. May be dismissed from the Council if they have been absent from two meetings without cause.
- B. Are allowed only three school offenses before being dismissed from the Council.
- C. If a member receives one truancy, he/she will submit his/her resignation to the Student Council and his subject to impeachment.
- D. If a member does not maintain the number of points determined by the sponsor and executive board as necessary to remain a member in good standing, that member is subject to impeachment.

Note: Each grading period a minimum points standard for both members and officers will be decided by the executive board and sponsor. If a member falls short of the minimum points required, he/she will go on probation for the next grading period. In that time, he/she must make-up his/her point deficit, plus maintain the minimum points for that period. Failure to do so will result in removal from the council. Being placed on probation twice in the same school year will result in removal from the council.

Should an officer fail to maintain the minimum points required in one grading period, he/she shall be removed from office.

Section 2: Impeachment Procedures

- A. The sponsor and/or principal shall be present at all meetings where dismissal of a member is being conducted.
- B. Impeachment will be based on two voting parties consisting of:
 - (1) Representatives: must have a 2/3 vote
 - (2) Officers: must have a majority vote
- C. The president breaks the tie in case of conflicting votes between the two voting parties (unless the President is being impeached, in which case the Vice-President does).

ARTICLE V

Legislation

Section 1: Each representative shall have one vote at meetings. All officers except the President also have one vote. The President shall only vote in the case of a tie. Simple majority is required for the passage of a bill proposal.

Section 2: Bills

- A. A bill may be proposed by any representative or officer.
- B. Included under bills are any proposals of activities regulations, actions, and reactions.
- C. Upon proposal, the bill will then be discussed by the council. referred to a committee, reported back, and finally voted upon.

Section 3: Amendments

- A. Amendments shall be proposed at a regular meeting by 2/3 of the votes of Student Council or by a petition from 3/4 of the student body.
- B. After presentation of the amendment to the Student Council, the amendment will be discussed by the Council, referred to a committee by the President which will later report back to him. Then the amendment will be voted on by the Council. A 3/4 vote will be required for passage by the Council.

Section 4: Fiscal Policy

- A. Student Council will attempt to maintain a small treasury.
- B. It may sponsor money making projects to be used for the betterment of the school and for the community, and for charity organizations, and for Student Council and Student body.

ARTICLE VI

Vacancies

Section 1: If a member of the Council is impeached, moves from the school, or is permanently removed from the Council, the student with the next highest vote will move up, or, another representative shall be elected from his/her class.

Section 2: If the President is removed for any reason, the Vice-President automatically takes his place, and another Vice-President is appointed by the election committee with approval of the Council and sponsor.

Section 3: If any other office is vacated an election will be held within the Council.

STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

amendment # 1

Provisional membership--may be extended to non-elected representatives who meet all requirements of membership to Student Council and maintain all responsibilities of membership. Provisional members may vote and are eligible to run for office according to the guidelines of this constitution.

voted and approved, September 11, 1996

Claire Roberts, sponsor

BANDERA HIGH SCHOOL

**STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT #2 USE OF FUND
RAISER MONEY.**

MONIES SHALL BE USED FOR:

**#1 STATE CONVENTION: REGISTRATION, HOTELS, MEALS,
TRANSPORTATION. OFFICERS (HIGHEST POINTED MEMBERS) AND
SPONSORS.**

#2 STUDENT COUNCIL GIFT EXCHANGE, \$10.00 PER FOOTBALL GAME.

**#3 HOMECOMING DECORATIONS FOR MR. AND MS. BHS FLOAT, HALL
DECORATING CONTEST, AND DOWNTOWN WINDOW CONTEST.**

**#4 ANY SERVICE PROJECTS VOTED ON AND APPROVED BY THIS YEAR'S
COUNCIL.**

#5 STATE AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION DUES.