

ALKEK ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the students of the Alkek Elementary Student Council, acting together as responsible elected representatives, (through powers granted us by the principal and our peers), in order to promote the general welfare of our student body and community and to provide opportunities for student cooperation and participation in school activities, do decree this our Constitution.

ARTICLE I: TITLE AND PURPOSE

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Student Council of Alkek Elementary School, Bandera, Texas.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization is to serve and to represent our student body and community by requesting their ideas and support for school improvement and community projects.

Section 3. We encourage student pride and school spirit. We recognize the contributions of the student body, support democratic procedures, value high academic achievement, and promote good relations among students, teachers, and administrators.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Five elected officers shall lead this council: president, vice-president, treasurer/secretary, historian, and parliamentarian.

Section 2. Membership is based on class elections and grade/discipline review. Membership is open to fourth and fifth grade students only. Council members are expected to maintain satisfactory academic grades and exemplary conduct at Alkek Elementary School.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE AND MAINTENANCE

Section 1. Membership is open to fourth and fifth grade Alkek Elementary students who are elected by their homeroom's student body after providing their teachers with proof of their eligibility. Qualifications are based on academic and conduct

grades on the present year's report card. Students must also be able to attend regular meetings.

Section 2. Maintenance of membership will be the responsibility of each member to: (1) maintain satisfactory academic grades and exemplary conduct; (2) miss no more than two scheduled meetings during the year; and (3) attend to his/her respective duties dependent on projects voted on and accepted into the Student Council calendar of commitments.

Section 3. Oath of Responsibility shall be administered by the advisors to the president and then, subsequently, by the president.

“I, (name), do solemnly pledge that I will responsibly represent the students of my class, participate in council activities to the best of my ability, and uphold the honor of Alkek Elementary.”

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be the president, vice-president, treasurer/secretary, historian, and parliamentarian.

Section 2. Officers are elected by a majority vote of the current student council members through elections at the beginning of each school year.

Section 3. Eligibility for running for office shall consist of all of the following: (1) having earned no grade less than an 85; (2) a exemplary discipline record; (3) regular school attendance; (4) having been elected, by their homeroom, as a student council member; and (5) classification as a fifth grade student.

Section 4. Application for Student Council office must be approved, on the basis of grades, by the homeroom teacher of the student and by Student Council sponsors.

Section 5. Term of office will end at the termination of the school year during which the election was held.

Section 6. Each officer is responsible for the duties of the office he/she holds, for attending regularly scheduled meetings, and for assuming leadership positions at Council projects and events.

ARTICLE V: BY-LAWS

Section 1. Regular meetings will be held at a given location and time at Alkek Elementary.

Section 2. Student Council meetings will be conducted using simple parliamentary procedure.

Section 3. Members are expected to attend all general Student Council meetings, unless another academic situation occurs. Members may miss one meeting without

excuse. A warning will follow the second unexcused absence, and the third unexcused absence can result in dismissal from the Student Council. A note, stating the reason for the absence, and submitted to a Council sponsor, should follow any absence incurred.

Section 4. Council members are expected to be exemplary in their conduct both in and out of the classroom.