

# CONSTITUTION

## NORTHERN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME

##### SECTION I

The name of this organization shall be the Northern Middle School Student Council of the Northern York County School District; Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.

### ARTICLE II

#### PURPOSES

##### SECTION I

The purposes of this organization shall be to: develop attitudes of, and practice in, good citizenship; promote harmonious relations throughout the school; improve school morale; provide a forum for student expression; and promote the general welfare of the school.

### ARTICLE III

#### POWER AND AUTHORITY

##### SECTION I

All powers of the Student Council are delegated to it by the school administration. The Principal has the right to revoke powers of the Student Council.

### ARTICLE IV

#### ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

##### SECTION I

The Student Council shall consist of representatives from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, and the officers, all elected by the student body.

##### SECTION II

The Student Council representatives shall be voted upon during the month of September.

##### SECTION III

Officers shall be elected during the spring of the previous school year.

## ARTICLE V

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS

#### SECTION I

- A. All elected officers of the Student Council must be in the eighth grade during their term of office.
- B. Candidates must have a "B" average and no more than one report card grade of "C".
- C. Candidates may not have received more than one after school detention and/or zero in-school or out-of-school suspensions.
- D. Candidates, seeking election, must submit their names to the advisor through a petition.
- E. Campaigning will be held in spring. The election will be by a vote of the student body.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS AND DUTIES

#### SECTION I

The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### SECTION II

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- A. President
  - 1. To attend all meetings of the Student Council.
  - 2. To act as the official representative of the student body.
  - 3. To vote in case of a tie.
  - 4. To appoint the necessary chairperson for committees.
  - 5. To call special meetings when necessary.
- B. Vice-President
  - 1. To assume the president's responsibilities in the absence of the president.
  - 2. To assist the President in his/her duties.
- C. Secretary
  - 1. To keep accurate records of procedures and events of the Student Council.
  - 2. To read the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - 3. To take roll.
  - 4. To be responsible for all correspondence.
- D. Treasurer
  - 1. To keep accurate the accounts of the Student Council budgets.
  - 2. To pay all bills at the action and approval of the advisor.

## ARTICLE VII

### REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

SECTION I During the course of his/her term, any officer failing to meet the academic and/or behavioral requirements to run for the office will be placed on a 45 day probationary period. Following that 45 day probationary period, should this officer's academic record continue to be less than the requirement to run for office, or his/her behavior record reflect additional accumulations for offenses which violate the candidacy requirement, the officer will be removed.

SECTION II Should the President resign or be removed from office during his/her term, the Vice-President will assume the office of President.

SECTION III Should the Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer be removed from office during his/her term, the Student Council will elect one of its Representatives to fill the vacant office, and the alternate will serve as the section Representative.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DUTIES OF MEMBERS

SECTION I The duties of the representatives shall be to:

1. Attend all meetings of the Student Council.
2. Attend meetings of committees of which they are members.
3. Inform the student body as to the information released at the meeting.
4. Bring to the Council the suggestions and concerns of the student body.

SECTION II All members shall serve for a term of one school year unless otherwise specified.

## ARTICLE IX

### COMMITTEES

SECTION I Standing Committees of the Student Council shall be:

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Constitution Committee
- C. Social Committee
- D. Problems Committee

SECTION II Special committees may be appointed as necessary.

## ARTICLE X

### MEETINGS

#### SECTION I

The Student Council shall meet once per six day cycle during the activity period.

#### SECTION II

Special meetings may be called as necessary by the advisor.

#### SECTION III

Members must be at every meeting when they are in school, unless they have an excuse issued by a teacher and approved by the advisor. Such an excuse must be presented to the secretary at roll call. It is the duty of the alternate to attend meetings when the regular member cannot be there.

#### SECTION IV

The advisor must be present at all meetings.

#### SECTION V

Meetings will be conducted by the President or any officer or homeroom representative so designated by the President.

## ARTICLE XI

### ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

#### SECTION I

This constitution shall be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Council and executive committee.

#### SECTION II

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of the student body, faculty, or administration and ratified by a two-thirds vote of the council.

#### SECTION III

Proposed amendments must be read to the Council and voted on by the Council.

## ARTICLE XII

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

#### SECTION I

The meetings of the Student Council will be run on a basis of "loose" parliamentary procedure. The general rule is that one person recognized by the President will be talking at a time.

## ARTICLE XIII

### BY-LAWS SECTION I

In all cases, the Student Council will take action on those activities that are approved by two-thirds majority of the Student Council.

### SECTION II

Voting will take place only at a meeting. At that time, three-fourths of Council must be present to constitute a quorum.

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