

Del City High School Student Council Constitution

PREAMBLE

We the representatives of the Student Council of Del City High School, in order to promote better citizenship by encouraging student participation in school government, high ideals, and school spirit, do establish this constitution of the Del City High School Student Council.

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Del City High School Student Council.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of Student Council shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Points Manager, Historian, Publicist, Social Chair, New Members Coordinator(s) and Middle School Chair(s).

Section 2: Candidates for the office of President must become seniors prior to their tenure in office.

Section 3: The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Points Manager, Historian, Publicist, Social Chair, New Members Coordinator(s) and Middle School Chair(s) will be elected in the spring and serve the following summer and school year.

Section 4: Only students who have held active membership of participation with verified attendance for a year in Del City High School Student Council and participated in 70% of previous year's activities can run for an office. The President and Vice President must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA or better to be eligible. All other members of the executive council must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Section 5: In the event that the President is unable to finish his/her term in office, the Vice President will serve the office of President for the remainder of the school year.

Section 6: In the event that an office is not filled by an election, that office may be filled by appointment.

Section 7: In the event there is a district officer and/or state officers, they will serve on the executive board.

Section 8: Candidates for the office of President must have already held a student council office in the prior year or be enrolled in leadership the prior year.

Section 9: All Officers must attend the Oklahoma Association of Student Councils Basic Leadership Workshop. The office of president must also attend Oklahoma Association of Student Councils Advanced Leadership Workshop.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES

Section 1: The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- A. The **President** is to preside over all meetings of the council; call special meetings when necessary; prepare the agenda for all meetings with the advisors approval; represent the council at public occasions; and assume other duties as required.
- B. The **Vice-President** shall perform the duties of President in his/her absence; assist the President in the performances of duties upon request; preside over committees; keep administration informed of current activities; and in the case of emergency fill the office of President for the remainder of the term.
- C. The **Historian** shall keep a log of all events and functions sponsored by or in attendance by the council and maintain a scrapbook or video log of the council's activities as well as filming and video recording all necessary projects such as the Lib Dub and The Black Light Show.
- D. The **Secretary** shall keep an accurate record of the business transacted at every meeting; keep a record of all members assigned to committees and their chairs; and keep Student Council event binder organized.
- E. The **Point Manager** shall keep track of points earned by members, *keep track of attendance at all meetings* and have an updated list of points available weekly.
- F. The **Publicist** shall inform the student body of school events. This includes social media, announcements, bulletin boards and etc.

Section 2: The duties of Chairs shall be as follows:

- A. **Social Chair(s)** will keep the spirit of the council up. They will plan 2 events per semester where student council can get together and have fun. Social Chair will also help the president at the end of the year party.
- B. **New Members Coordinator(s)**: Work with the Freshmen and new members of StuCo
- C. **Middle School Chair(s)**: Work with the middle schools during WILD Week and host a Middle School Leadership Conference in the Fall Semester

ARTICLE IV. RECALL

Section 1: If a chair or officer fails to perform his/her duties or has insufficient points a recall may be recommended by any member of the council or sponsor. A hearing shall be held and a secret vote taken by the council. If a simple majority recommends recall, it shall be ordered.

Section 2: An officer or chair is dismissed if he/she is found with or under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs of any kind at school or any school related activity.

Section 3: If any officer or chair is dismissed from a workshop or convention on the local, state or national level, he/she shall be dismissed from office.

Section 4: If any officer or representative is failing a class longer than 3 weeks, he/she will be placed on probation to get their grade above a D. Failure to raise such grade will result in losing their officer/representative position.

Section 5: If an officer/chair misses three events, meetings, or works day in one semester will be put on probation.

Section 6: A Student Council member having been recalled, may not apply for office during that school year and the next school year.

Section 7: In the event of dismissal, incapacitation or resignation of any officer other than president, the executive council will be empowered to elect a replacement. The replacement must have two-thirds approval of the executive council.

Section 8: All officers must sign and follow the Del City Student Council Code of Conduct Form.

ARTICLE V. POWERS

Section 1: The council shall have the power to recommend policies and standards and help enforce rules when necessary for the betterment of the school's interests and activities.

Section 2: Since the powers of the Student Council are delegated by the principal, he/she shall have the right to veto over any proposal.

Section 3: A draft of all the measures passed by the council shall be sent to the principal for his/her approval or veto. A report of his/her actions shall be made at the next meeting.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1: For those officers elected in the spring, there shall be one week of campaigning under the direction and supervision of the Student Council Advisor.

Section 2: All elections shall be cast by secret ballot of student body.

Section 3: Voting will take place with Voting 4 Schools software for 2 days and will close at 2:30pm on the last day. Announcement of the winners shall be made public by the current Student Council President.

Section 4: In order to win the election of officers, a candidate must have a simple majority. In case of a tie, there shall be a run-off election.

ARTICLE VII. RATIFICATION

Section 1: This constitution and its by-laws shall become effective upon ratification by a three-fourths majority of the Student Council and approval of the principal.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to the constitution or its by-laws shall be considered upon presentation of a typed copy of the proposed amendments to the council president and sponsor, three days before the next regular council meeting. The amendment must be undersigned by one-fourth of the members of Student Council. It shall be read, presented as a motion, and be debated. It will be voted on that next regular business meeting. It shall be adopted upon three-fourths vote of total members of the council and approval of the sponsor and principal.

BY- LAWS

ARTICLE I. QUORUM

Section 1: At least three-fourths of all members on the roll must be present before business may be transacted.

ARTICLE II. PROCEDURE

Section 1: The Council shall, at the beginning of each year's work, set a time and designate a place for Student Council meetings.

Section 2: The presiding officer of the Council shall be permitted to call special meetings or cancel regular meetings when necessary with the approval of the advisor.

ARTICLE III. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1: The executive council shall consist of all officers and chairs

Section 2: Members who have previously attended the Basic Leadership workshop are encouraged, but not required, to attend the Advanced Leadership Workshop. Only the president is **require** to attend Advanced

Section 3: Members of the executive council may serve as an elected officer for no more than two other organization sponsored by Del City High School. It is strongly recommended that students participating in athletics, cheer, pom, journalism, band or choir not hold another office due to the time requirements of an effective member of Student Council.

Del City High School Student Council and Class Officer Code of Conduct

To hold a position in Del City Student Council and Class Officer is a privilege and an honor. Students should always be mindful that they represent Del City High School. —at all times. Officers serve as role models and set the example for all to follow, maintaining a high level of respect toward others.

I understand that I must maintain my good standing as a member of my school's student council and class officer in accordance with my school's Student Council Constitution and Class Officer By-Laws. I understand that Student Council and Class Officers leaders are held to a high standard, and that violating these expectations can jeopardize my position.

When participating in an DCHS or OASC (Oklahoma Association of Student Councils) event, I understand that I must adhere to the rules of that activity. I also understand that my behavior outside of school events (including social media and digital spaces) is also subject to review and, if necessary, disciplinary action.

Any of the following types of misconduct may result in disciplinary action:

- Defiance to adults/teachers/administrators or other staff
- Showing disrespect to adults or fellow students (this includes social media)
- Vulgar or profane language
- Fighting
- Lewd or otherwise inappropriate behavior
- The possession of any type of weapon (play or real)
- Possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vapes, mood-altering substances OR attendance at functions where such substances are present
- Any other activity that could bring discredit to Del City High School, DCHS STUCO, the OASC, including (but not limited to) use of social media

I understand that any violation of these expectations and policies may result in (but is not limited to) these disciplinary actions:

- The parent/guardian will be called upon to assume responsibility for any damages that may result from the behavior of the student council or class officer leader.
- Lunch detention
- ISR (in school suspension)
- The student council or class officer leader will be excluded from the activity or future activities.
- The student council or class officer leader will be removed from office and the leadership class.
- The student council or class officer leader will be excluded from serving as a officer in student council or class offices for the remainder of his or her high school career

Please return the signed form to the Student Council advisor.

Officer Name (PRINT): _____

Officer Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Sponsor/Advisor's Signature: _____ DATE: _____