

CONSTITUTION OF THE SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL
OF DOVER HIGH SCHOOL

ARTICLE I - Name

This organization shall be known as the Senior High Student Council of Dover High School.

ARTICLE II - Aims

The Student Council shall seek:

1. To promote activities beneficial to the school such as clubs, exhibits, assemblies, and similar functions.
2. To promote better understanding between faculty and students.
3. To coordinate, advise, and help in the direction of extra-curricular activities.
4. To help with the orientation of students, especially lower classmen and new students to the school system.
5. To promote school spirit for all activities.
6. To advise and assist the school administration in the formulation and execution of school policy.
7. To represent and speak for all students and to inform the student body on important aspects of student council.
8. To discourage all that will serve as a detriment to Dover High School.
9. To promote student-community activities.

ARTICLE III - Membership Officers

1. The Student Council shall have the following officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Historian
2. President and Vice-President must have served at least one year on Council.
3. Candidates must have a petition signed by 25 students. A student may sign only one petition per office.
4. Petitions will be passed out the first through the third week in April, and the actual election will be held the fourth week in April.
5. When a student picks up his or her petition in a designated room, the officers will be the ones responsible that each nominee meets the requirements and they get the correct petition.
6. If no candidates sign up for a particular office, then it will be up to the officers to ask students who they feel would be responsible and suitable for the job.

7. A Student Council Officer shall hold a class officer's position unless it is the office of President or Vice President.

ARTICLE IV - Membership - Representatives

1. The student council shall have one representative from each homeroom of each class in the high school.
2. All candidates must have a petition signed by twenty-five students. Each student can sign only three petitions.
3. The election of representatives will be held the fourth week of April.
4. Representatives chosen will be put in designated homerooms for the following school year.
5. All representatives shall be elected to a term of one school year and shall not be limited in the number of terms they may serve.
6. If a representative fails to attend three consecutive, regular Student Council meetings, he is automatically replaced by the alternate, who will become the representative of that homeroom. Another alternate shall be elected by the homeroom.
7. If there are not enough candidates running for the positions of representatives from each class then it will be up to the officers to ask students who they feel would be responsible and suitable for the job.

ARTICLE V - Membership - Alternate Representatives

1. There shall be one alternate representative for each homeroom.
2. Each homeroom shall elect their student council alternate representative in September of the new school year.

ARTICLE VI - Membership - Buckeye Joint Vocational School Representatives

1. The student council shall have two representatives from each class (meaning junior and senior class) to represent Dover High students who attend Buckeye Joint Vocational School.
2. The Dover High students attending Buckeye Joint Vocational School will select their representatives to the Dover High Student Council according to the policies set up for elections at the Buckeye Joint Vocational School.

ARTICLE VII - Advisors

1. There shall be three faculty advisors. The high school principal shall serve as a permanent advisor and shall appoint two faculty advisors.

ARTICLE VIII - Duties of the Members of the Student Council

1. Duties of the President
 - a. prepare an agenda for each meeting
 - b. preside over meetings
 - c. call special meetings
 - d. create committees and appoint heads for the committees
 - e. exercise authority pertaining to office as established by the Student Council.

- f. be official representative of the Council and Student Body
 - g. preside over other meetings as requested by the school authorities (assemblies, etc.)
 - h. set an example of leadership, personal character, and school spirit
2. Duties of the Vice President
- a. stand-in in case of the absence of the President
 - b. succeed office of president if president resigns, or removed, or is impeached, or if in some way is unable to execute the duties of the office
 - c. assist the president as requested
 - d. function as regular member of the Student Council
 - e. serve as parliamentarian of the Council
 - f. be responsible for student council publicity
 - g. chairman of the General Welfare committee
3. Duties of the Recording Secretary
- a. take minutes of meetings and record permanently according to standard
 - b. check roll, record attendance
 - c. carry on correspondence of the Student Council in and out of school related to organizations
4. Duties of the Treasurer
- a. be responsible for the student council funds
 - b. be responsible for income and expenditures
 - c. give periodic reports of financial conditions
 - d. keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements
5. Duties of the Historian
- a. to keep the records (written and photographs) of all Student Council events.
 - b. to prepare a final year-end report (with the advisor) for the Student Council and School Administration
 - c. to prepare, with the other officers and advisor, the scrap-book for the Honor Council Award Presentation.
 - d. to help the other officers in any other offices in any decision-making and responsibilities as needed.
 - c. to make sure that a photographer is scheduled and photographs are taken for all Student Council activities.
 - d. any other duties as deemed necessary by the Student Council President and Advisor.
6. Duties of the Representatives
- a. attend and see that the homeroom is represented at all meetings of the Student Council
 - b. bring homeroom suggestions to the attention of the Student Council
 - c. carry Student Council news back to the homeroom
 - d. lead in homeroom discussion of activities at hand
 - e. be official homeroom representative
 - f. be responsible for encouraging proper conduct at all times
 - g. vote on issues concerning Student Council

7. Duties of the Buckeye Joint Vocational School Representative
 - a. attend and see that the Buckeye Joint Vocational School students from Dover High School are represented at all meetings of the Dover Student Council
 - b. bring Buckeye Joint Vocational School student suggestions to the attention of the student council
 - c. carry student council news back to the Buckeye Joint Vocational School
 - d. be responsible for Dover Student Council activities in the Buckeye Joint Vocational School (voting, etc.)
 - e. vote on issues concerning Dover Student Council
 - f. be the official Dover Student Council Representative to the Buckeye Joint Vocational School

8. Duties of the Alternate Representative
 - a. attend meetings in the place of the regular representative
 - b. aid the representative as requested
 - c. take on duties of representatives if the representative resigns, is removed from office, or is unable to execute the duties himself.

9. Duties of the Student Council Advisor
 - a. attend all student council meetings
 - b. should have skills of communication with students
 - c. should have ability to organize
 - d. should have skill of leadership in an advisory role.
 - e. should be innovative

ARTICLE IX - Meetings, Quorums

1. There will be one meeting each month during school time, except where scheduled. This meeting, time, and place will be approved in advance by the Student Council President, Advisor, and the High School Principal.
2. The president may call special meetings with adequate advanced notice to members.
3. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the council members in all cases except that of approving amendments to the constitution. (See Article X, Sec. 3)

ARTICLE X - Powers, Responsibilities

1. Student Council shall have the power to pass legislation to further the aims stated in Article II.
2. All new constitutions and/or by-laws submitted to the Dover High Senior Student Council for ratification:
Should the Council find that:
 - a. the document is undemocratic
 - b. the document misrepresents the organization
 - c. the club will not be beneficial to the schoolthe Council shall refuse to charter the organization. These same grounds may be used to revoke existing charters.
3. The Council shall enforce the provisions of this constitution dealing with the election of officers and representatives and their removal from office (Article III, Sec. 2,3, and 4, and Article IV, Sec. 2,5, and 6). The Council further shall oversee and make rules pertaining to class and other general school elections.

4. All legislation passed by the Student Council shall be subject to review by the school administration
5. The vote of all representatives on any question shall be made public on request.
6. Any representative may be impeached at any time by a three-fourths vote of the Student Council.
7. The Student Council under no conditions shall act as a student court or impose penalties for violation of rules governing the student body.

ARTICLE XI - Officers, Impeachment

1. The officers shall not make or second a motion or vote. In case of a tie, the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote.
2. An officer may be impeached at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council.

ARTICLE XII - Constitution

1. To review and revise the constitution, a committee appointed by the executive board shall act as a revision committee and shall function when necessary.
2. Recommendations for constitution revision may be made at any time by members of the Council.
3. To ratify amendments to the constitution, a quorum, which shall consist of three-fourths of the homeroom representatives must be present. The Student Council will then vote for or against the proposed amendment for ratification. Three-fourths(3/4) of the members present must concur.
4. All ruling interpretation of the constitution shall be made by the Executive Board.
5. A copy of the constitution will be given to each member at the first meeting of the school year and all Articles reviewed by the members and advisor of council.