

ASB Constitution

Preamble

We, the student body of Roy cloud School, for the purpose of maintaining student involvement in co-curricular activities, to give the student body a form of authority upon decisions of this educational institution, to promote responsibility and leadership skills among the student body, and to provide the necessary means thereof, do establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I NAME AND IDENTIFICATION

Section A: The official name of this organization shall be the Associated Student Body of Roy Cloud School.

Section B: The official mascot of Roy Cloud will be the Thunder Bolts.

Section C: The official colors of Roy cloud School shall be blue and yellow.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section A: All duly registered students at Roy Cloud School shall hold membership in their association.

Section B: Honorary membership in the ASB of Roy Cloud School may be conferred by two-thirds vote of the Senate.

ARTICLE III SOURCE OF POWER AND SUPERVISION

Section A: There shall be at least one faculty advisor appointed by the Principal as the designated representative for carrying out projects of student activities of the Associated Student Body.

Section B: All student power is derived from the Board of Trustees and is delegated by the Principal; the Principal may directly or through the advisor revoke student power at any time for any just cause.

ARTICLE IV GOVERNMENT

Section A: Legislative and Administrative Powers of the Senate:

The student government legislates and acts within a framework of power delegated to the Senate by the Principal of Roy Cloud School. Since the Principal is directly responsible to the Superintendent of Schools and to the Board of Education, it is recognized that she/he has the right to review, veto, and revocation of the powers and actions of the Senate. These rights and privileges shall be expanded to the Director of Student Activities, acting as the Principal's delegate in Senate affairs. Administratively, the Senate shall enjoy the powers and responsibilities of the central governing unit to the other divisions of this association.

Section B: The Senate will have the power to initiate and pass legislation concerning any phase of student life: making all laws necessary and proper for carrying into execution this legislation and appropriate monies from the ASB treasury.

Section C: Membership of the Senate:

1. The Senate shall consist of the following duly elected members:
 - a. Associated Student Body President
 - b. Associated Student Body Vice President
 - c. Associated Student Body Secretary
 - d. Associated Student Body Treasurer
2. The Senate shall consist of the following appointed voting officers:
 - a. Sixth Grade Senators
 - b. Seventh Grade Senators
 - c. Eighth Grade Senators
 - d. Commissioner of Activities
 - e. Spirit Commissioner
 - f. Commissioner of Communications
 - g. Athletic Commissioner
 - h. Publicity Commissioner
 - i. Community Service Commissioner
 - j. Commissioner of Academics
 - k. Commissioner of Recognition

Section D: General Procedure of the Senate–The senate shall be governed by the following general procedures:

1. The Senate shall be a regular leadership class that meets regularly and all members must be enrolled. If for any reason they cannot take the leadership class they will forfeit their office. Unless pre-approval by the Leadership teacher is warranted.
2. Parliamentary Procedure shall be followed during all Senate and House of Representatives meetings.
3. The records of the Senate must be maintained as public records subject to audits and inspections.
4. An Associated Student Body budget for the following year must be created by the ASB treasurer assisted by the Advisor and ASB Secretary and accepted by majority vote of the newly elected Senate before or at the beginning of the new fiscal year.
5. Adequate fiscal control must be maintained for the handling of all student funds at all times per the California Education Code.
6. The Senate must at all times carefully review both the spirit and letter of this Constitution.
7. A quorum shall be 50% plus one of the members of the Senate. A quorum must be present for the ratification or repeal of and General Business.

Section E: The House of Representatives, also known as the Assembly, will consist of one representative from each homeroom (K-8), the Associated Student Body Vice President, the Associated Student Body Secretary, and the Activities Director.

1. Members of the Senate serve as nonvoting advisory members of the House of Representative. If the person holds more than one office, she/he may only vote once.
2. In order for the House of Representative (Assembly) to conduct business, a quorum must be present. A quorum shall be 50% plus one of the members of the Assembly.

ARTICLE V FINANCES

Section A: All ASB funds will be expended so as to benefit the student body, either directly or indirectly, in accordance with the California Educational Code and the Board of Education regulations.

Section B: All expenditures must be approved by the Senate and signed by the ASB Treasurer or ASB President and Activities Director.

Section C: All requests for expenditures of student funds require the signature of the ASB Treasurer or ASB President and Activities Director.

Section D: All class, club, or organization money must be deposited with the School Account Secretary daily to meet California Educational Code requirements and maintain security.

Section E: An annual balanced budget will be prepared by the ASB treasurer and Activities Director before the end of the fiscal year (July 1). This year will determine and direct the financial programs of ASB for the school year.

Section F: Any club, class, or organization that borrows monies from the ASB must repay any outstanding debt and all obligations to the ASB before the end of the school year.

Section G: Any club or class that does not comply with the rules of the ASB Loan Policy may not receive the services offered by the ASB.

ARTICLE VI POWERS

All powers granted in the constitution are derived from the Principal as prescribed by California State Educational Code and exercised only with her/his consent or approval. She/he may at any time declare this constitution either wholly or in part suspended or to be null and void. She/he has the power to remove from office any member at any time for any just cause.

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

Section A: Timeline for elections:

1. Elections for elected Senate officers will be conducted under the supervision of the ASB Advisor beginning no sooner than mid-March of each year and organized according to established procedure decided upon by the ASB Advisor and Principal.
2. Elections for the House of Representatives (Assembly) will be conducted as soon as possible after school begins by each homeroom (K-8) according to democratic principles. Representatives must maintain a 2.0 GPA and have satisfactory citizenship in all classes.
3. Elections for clubs officers will take place according to each individual club's constitutional procedure.

ARTICLE VIII

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section A: Removal: Upon approval from the Director of Activities, any officer may be considered for removal from office for just reasons. The House of Representatives, Senate, or a petitioning body consisting of the ASB, may request the removal of an officer. The recommendation must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the House of Representatives and three-fourths (3/4) of the Senate and have the approval of the Activities Director and/or Principal.

Section B: Attendance: Any officer absent from twenty percent of leadership classes, properly publicized meetings, and failure to participate in general ASB related activities and work sessions, may be subject to dismissal with a majority vote of the Senate, with the recommendation of the Activities Director and Principal.

Section C: Conduct: Any incidents involving drugs or alcohol will result in removal from office. Failure to fulfill duties of office, fighting, use of obscene language, extreme changes in appearance or behavior, open defiance of school authority, forgery, of vandalism will result in probation or removal from office.

Section D: Grades: Senate members whose grade point average drops below a 2.5 or receive an "F" on any trimester report card will be placed on probation for the following quarter. If deficiencies are not corrected, the Senate member will be removed from office at the end of the probation quarter.

Section E: Oath of Office: Installation for newly elected officers shall be provided by the Senate. The following oath of office shall be taken by each officer at induction to office: "I do hereby solemnly pledge myself faithfully to discharge the duties of my office. I give my pledge that I will do everything in my power to uphold the Constitution and promote the general welfare of the Student Body of Roy Cloud School."

Section F: Vacancies in Office:

1. Vacancies in any office, due to any cause, must be filled by appointment of the Activities Director with 2/3 approval of the Senate with two week after the vacancy occurs, except if the vacancy occurs within the last grading period.

Section G: Secession of ASB Officers: A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled using the order of secession which is:

1. Student Body Vice President
2. Student Body Secretary
3. Student Body Treasurer

If the order of secession cannot be carried out willfully by all parties involved, application for the office will be taken from the student body. Candidates must fulfill eligibility requirements of the ASB Constitution. The Senate shall vote, by 2/3 majority, to fill the vacancy. All new Senate members must enroll in the leadership class in order to take office.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section A: Amendment Proposals: Amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate. Each proposal may be accepted or received by a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Section B: Posting of Proposed Amendments and Revisions: All accepted amendments and revisions proposed must be posted in a conspicuous place for at least five school days.

Section C: Amendment Vote: Any amendment or revision to become part of this Constitution must be approved by no less than a three-fourths (3/4) of the Senate. If the amendment or revision is approved, it shall be added to this Constitution.

ARTICLE X APPROVAL

This Constitution shall be in effect as soon as ratification by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Senate or two-thirds (2/3) of the entire student body of Roy Cloud School.

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ARTICLE I DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Section A: Student Body President:

1. Shall be executive officer of the Senate.
2. Shall preside over Student Body activities.
3. Shall have the power to appoint committees of the Senate and Student Body as deemed necessary.
4. Shall represent the best interest of the Student Body at all times and occasions.
5. Shall represent the school and Student Body at all public gatherings and welcome guests or designate someone to take his/her place if he/she cannot be present.
6. Shall represent the Student Body of Roy Cloud School, when necessary, at School Site Council meetings.
7. Shall maintain regular communications with the Activities Director and Principal.

Section B: Associated Student Body Vice President:

1. Shall assume the duties of the President in case of his/her absence.
2. Shall be executive officer of the House of Representatives.
3. Shall have the power to appoint committees of the House of Representatives as deemed necessary.
4. Shall represent the best interest of the Student Body at all times and occasions.
5. Shall represent the school and Student Body at all public gatherings and welcome guests or designate someone to take his/her place if he/she cannot be present.
6. Shall represent the Student Body of Roy Cloud School, when necessary, at meetings of the RCSD School Board.
7. Shall maintain regular communications with the Student Body President and Activities Director.

Section C: Associated Student Body Secretary:

1. Shall act as recording and corresponding secretary for both the Senate and House of Representatives.
2. Shall maintain a complete record of all meetings and business.
3. Shall maintain a file of all minutes open to any interested student, faculty, or administrator.
4. Shall be responsible for collecting committee reports and filing them.
5. With the assistance of the President and Director of Activities, shall insure that there are agendas for all formal meetings.

Section D: Associated Student Body Treasurer:

1. Shall work with the Director of Activities and Senate in handling funds and accounts within the Student Body.
2. Shall make disbursement of funds through the proper and legal procedures.
3. Shall submit financial reports of the ASB funds to the Senate upon request.
4. Shall have the responsibility of coordinating and formulating the ASB budget with the Director of Activities.
5. Shall meet with the ASB secretary weekly to correlate minutes and prepare an agenda.
6. Shall maintain a financial record of monies held and distributed.

Section F: ASB Senate Composed of:

Commissioners

1. Publicize, plan, organize and implement activities/events
2. Complete peer and self-evaluations.
3. Promote school spirit

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Senators:

1. Shall act as the executive officers of their school and represent their classmates in the Senate.
2. Shall be responsible for coordinating all student activities.
3. Shall be part of the voting Senate.
4. Shall serve on committees with commissioners and officers.