

STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

HUTTO HIGH SCHOOL

Article I

We, the students of Hutto High School, in order to form a more perfect Student Council, and to establish and retain order, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Hutto High School Council.

Article II

Our purposes as a council are to promote:

- Citizenship by leading each individual in developing a sense of personal responsibility and earned self-respect.
- Scholarship by contributing to the total educational growth of all students.
- Leadership by promoting opportunities for the leadership among body members.
- Human relations by providing organized services that address student general welfare.
- Cultural values by generating school loyalty, pride, and patriotism.
- Individual development through projects and activities.

Article III

Section I – The right to raise and spend money.

The student council has the right to conduct fundraisers to increase the council treasury, and to spend money, with approval by the sponsor and principal and in accordance with school board policy, and secured by a majority vote of the council.

Section II -- The power to establish and set meeting dates.

The council shall meet at least once every week while school is in session. Date shall be agreed upon by a majority vote.

Section III – The right to sanction committees and appoint chairs.

The council shall sanction committees and their chairs with approval by the sponsor and principal and in accordance with school board policy along with a majority vote by the council.

Section IV – The right to remove an officer or member.

The members of the council retain the power to remove an officer or bar a member from the council. To remove or bar a member, procedures will follow **Robert's Rules of Order**. Both the person(s) being removed are required to give reasons moving for removal and a defense respectively. A quorum must be present at the removal and a majority vote is required to cause

removal or otherwise. The final decision however, rests on the council advisor and the principal of Hutto High School.

A person may be removed from the council in the case of but is not limited to:

- ISS/AEP placement
- Cheating
- Deviance from the code of conduct
- Not promoting a positive image of student council.

A person is to be put on probation if they:

- Miss two meetings in a six week period without due cause (doctor's appointment, absent from school that day, etc.).

Section V – The right to hold assemblies.

The council retains the right to hold assemblies to inform the student body of upcoming events.

Section VI – Concerning rights not enumerated.

The council retains right not enumerated here. The enumeration in the constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the council.

Section VII – The rights of the principal to veto.

The principal of Hutto High School shall have final veto power over all decisions made by the student council.

Article IV

Section I – Composition of the council.

The executive council will be made up of one President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Historian and a Parliamentarian. The remainder of the council will be composed of two freshman, two sophomore, two junior and two senior class representatives. Other members may join until a maximum of 21 members is reached. To join, after voting for officers have been voted for, teacher recommendation is required. Along with this, the person hoping to join the council must acquire signatures of at least ten (10) of his or her peers nominating this person for a seat in the council. The council sponsor along with the council then decides on the eligibility of the candidate.

Section II – Definition of Members

To be recognized as a voting member of the student council you must either be an executive officer, class representative or member of the general council, signed the rules and conduct contract, and passed all classes according to UIL 'no pass no play' guidelines for the previous six weeks.

Duties of Members – The duties of members of the council include but are not limited to:

1. Bringing in fresh ideas for the promotion of comradeship among students.

2. Participation in activities sponsored by the council as well as in activities to promote school spirit.
3. Overall promotion of school spirit.

Duties of Officers –

President –

1. Represent the student body at school district and civic events and other meetings.
2. Supervise the functioning of the elected student body officers.
3. Supervise the functioning of the entire student council.
4. Develop the agenda for and preside over the Student Council meetings.

Vice President –

1. Preside over meetings in the absence of the president.
2. Represent the student body at school district and civic events and other meetings.

Secretary –

1. Maintain student council files.
2. Prepare the agenda for meetings.
3. Take and distribute minutes of meetings.
4. Represent the student body at school district and civic events and other meetings as requested by the president.

Treasurer –

1. Coordinate the preparation of the annual budget.
2. Maintain financial records of the student body.
3. Prepare financial reports for the meetings.
4. Coordinate fundraising projects of the student council.

Historian –

1. Gather material for the Student Council scrapbook.
2. Be responsible for the completion of the scrapbook.

Parliamentarian –

1. Provide advice on parliamentary procedure,

Section III – What composes a quorum?

A quorum is present at meetings with half plus one of the members present. (I.e. if there is a total of eighteen members in the council, a quorum is present if there are nine members at the meeting.)

Article V – Establishment of the time, methods and procedures for nominations and election of members and officers.

Section I – Concerning nominations

A student may not qualify for nominations if they have a failing grade from the current six weeks, have had AEP, ISS, Saturday class or two or more office referrals, and four or more tardies. (See Student Handbook)

Section II – Concerning election dates and campaigning.

Elections must be held the second week in May and campaigning can start no sooner than two weeks prior to Election Day. On the day of elections, an assembly will be called for the candidates to present their ideas to the student body. After this, students who wish to have anything clarified may pose questions to candidates. Immediately following the question and answer period, the student body will vote.

Article VI – The process of amendment.

The constitution can be amended if a member or officer of the student council proposes an amendment and there is a majority vote for the amendment. The amendment must be in accordance with school board policy and should be approved by the sponsor and principal.

Article VII – Ratification

The approval of the meeting of the student Council of Hutto High School as well as the approval of the Principal of Hutto High School and the Hutto School District School Board will be enough to establish this constitution.

Done in convention by the undisputed consent of the members of the members of the student council present

In witness of this we have signed our names,