



Hahnville High School Student Council Constitution



Preamble

We, the students of Hahnville High School, in order to provide for the proper representation of the entire student body, create a better school environment and community, promote enthusiasm and pride in our school, establish this constitution that will guide and govern the actions of the Student Council at Hahnville High School.

Article I – Purpose

The purpose of the HHS Student Council is to act as an instrument of communication between students, faculty, community, and the administration of the school. This council exists to provide opportunities to develop and exhibit leadership qualities in the student body. At all times, members of this council are to promote and foster school loyalty and spirit through example and attitude. This council will be obliged to provide social and service opportunities for themselves and the entire HHS student body.

Article II – Members and Elections

The Student Council shall consist of class officers and general members that will serve the student body. There are four positions for each grade level, with the exception of the freshmen class: the president, the vice president, the secretary, and the events and publicity coordinator.

a. General Decorum

1. Student Council members are expected to be positive role models and representatives of the HHS student body.
2. Students that display behavior contrary to the student code of conduct will be dismissed from Student Council. This includes, but is not limited to, a referral, suspension, and/or repeated detentions.
3. Behavioral concerns will be dealt with in the manner outlined in Article V.

b. Qualifications for Elections

1. The officer candidate must obtain current teacher recommendations from all teachers
2. Complete the class officer application in complete sentences
3. Submit a typed copy of a speech
4. Have signed and turn in their signature page
5. These forms are due to the advisor(s) by the date specified
6. All candidates and officers must have a minimum of 20 hours of service to Student Council
7. Upperclassmen candidates must have at least one year experience in Student Council

c. Election Decorum

1. Posters and signs may only be placed once the necessary paperwork is turned in; posters must be approved by the advisor(s).
2. Campaigning is limited to posters, flyers, and word of mouth. No social media, group messages, videos, or tangible campaign items (e.g., buttons, pencils) are allowed. These rules extend to family members, relatives, and friends.
3. Candidates serve as a positive role model to the school and community. Any action that displays questionable leadership qualities or character may be grounds for disqualification.
4. Failure to oblige by the previous requirements will result in disqualification from running for office.
5. Elected officers must be enrolled in the Student Government class the proceeding school year, unless extenuating circumstances are observed and approved by the advisor(s).



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Article III – Officer and Member Duties

a. President

1. Collaborate to prepare agendas for all meetings
2. Serve as class-level representative for the Student Council to administration
3. Serve as primary facilitator of all officer and general meetings
4. Attend mandatory weekly meetings to plan agendas, projects, and discuss business
5. Speak and perform duties at school events (e.g., Awards Ceremonies)
6. Teach and guide all members of the council so that goals of the Student Council are achieved
7. Attend all Student Council meetings and events, unless otherwise exempted

b. Vice President

1. Serve as the president during the president's temporary absence
2. Collaborate to ensure compliance with LASC requirements
3. Keep track of LASC events and due dates; communicate to advisors and officers
4. Attend mandatory weekly meetings to plan agendas, projects, and discuss business
5. Speak and perform duties at school events (e.g., Awards Ceremonies)
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c. Secretary

1. Keep track of hours for respective grade levels
2. Record meeting notes and minutes at officer and general meetings
3. Send copies of the meeting notes and minutes to advisors and officers within 24 hours
4. Attend mandatory weekly meetings to plan agendas, projects, and discuss business
5. Speak and perform duties at school events (e.g., Awards Ceremonies)
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d. Events and Publicity Coordinator

1. Collaborate to create flyers, announcements, and social media posts
2. Take photographs and collect souvenirs at all events
3. Ensure that all necessary supplies are ordered and organized for events
4. Maintain student council bulletin board(s)
5. Speak and perform duties at school events (e.g., Awards Ceremonies)
6. Attend all Student Council meetings and events, unless otherwise exempted

e. General Members

1. Attain a minimum of fourteen service hours per year
2. Attend monthly meetings and Student Council-related events
3. Check Google Classroom messages on a weekly basis
4. Represent Student Council and Hahnville High School in a positive manner

Article IV – Attendance

All members of Student Council will be in attendance at all mandatory meetings. One excused absence will be granted per semester without penalty. Time may be split with other obligations. Any non-excused absence will result a loss of one hour for each accrued absence.

- a. For an excused absence, the member must submit, prior to the absence a written excuse or email stating his/her name, the date, and the reason for the absence.
- b. A member must remain in the meetings until adjournment, unless a member has been granted permission by the advisor(s).



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Article V – Dismissal and Impeachment

Members of Student Council are expected to abide by the student code of conduct and serve as positive role models for the school and community. Those who do not are subject to the discipline policy outlined below.

a. Impeachment

1. If an officer does not fulfill his or her constitutional duties satisfactorily for the Student Council or advisor(s) an impeachment can be requested.
2. Officers must approach the advisor(s) with valid, evidentiary complaints in writing.
3. If deemed appropriate by the advisor(s), the impeachment request will be taken to the class officers or general membership for a three-fourths vote.

b. Dismissal

1. If any Student Council member receives 2 school detentions or referrals, an ADAPT, is suspended, or commits another egregious violation of the student code of conduct, they will be dismissed from Student Council.
2. With the dismissal of an officer, the remaining officers shall divide the dismissed officer's responsibilities among themselves or appoint a new officer by a majority vote.

Article VI – Amendments

This constitution may be amended using the following procedure:

- a. A proposed amendment is introduced at a Student Council meeting by a member or officer
- b. The motion must be seconded by another member and at least one officer
- c. The proposed amendment has to be approved by at least two-thirds of the members in attendance
- d. The amendment must then be signed off by the senior president and the advisor(s)
- e. The advisor(s) may veto an amendment deemed detrimental to the mission of Student Council
- f. The Constitution must be reviewed by the Student Council at the beginning of each school year

Article VII – Membership Benefits

All members of Student Council who maintain two years of membership and all the requirements thereof are entitled to two school-related accolades.

- a. Letterman jacket
- b. Student Council graduation cord—3.0 GPA requirement