

CONSTITUTION OF THE
NORTH LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION

North Lake Middle School Mission Statement

As the Associated Student Body, we provide leadership and strive to create an environment in which all students feel connected and represented through ASB organized activities. The primary goal is to create a memorable experience for all students on campus and to learn and grow as student leaders.

PREAMBLE

Article I Name of Organization

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the North Lake Middle School Associated Student Body.

Section B: The mascot shall be the Bulldog.

Section C: The school colors shall be blue and gray.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

1. To provide a democratic means of coordination for students' activities in school. 2. To develop in the student the right attitude of responsibility, initiative, citizenship, loyalty, leadership, and school spirit.

Article III

Student Council shall have the powers to: 1

Section A: Help make rules and/or guidelines for the betterment of the school.

For Example:

- Student Council
- Social Activities
- Assemblies
- Preservation of school and personal property.

Section B: Grant charters to clubs and organizations.

Section C: Investigate and report matters referred to it by the student body or faculty.

Section D: Approve all student body financing and spending.

Section E: The powers of the Council are delegated to it by the principal, who shall have the power to veto any measure adopted by the council, if they feel the measure unreasonable or in violation of the Washington State Code, school policies, or law.

Article IV Membership

Section A: The student body of the North Lake Middle School shall consist of all students in the sixth and seventh grades.

Section B: Student Council shall be comprised of 16 elected senators and/or executive officers (8 seventh grade/8 sixth grade), principal (or designee), advisor(s), club representatives (as needed for specific meeting agendas)

Section C: The Executive Council shall consist of the ASB council as a whole: :

1. Eight elected 7th grade senators and/or officers
2. Eight elected 6th grade senators and/or officers

Article V Duties of Student Council Members

1. To enforce the constitution
2. To represent the views of the 6th and/or 7th grade student body.
3. To be an active member of student council meetings, planning sessions, activities, and events.
4. To serve on committees when requested or able to do so.
5. Play an active role in keeping and reviewing the up-to-date digital notes of all student council meetings and correspondence.
6. Represent the ASB student council at school related functions.
7. Senators may be called upon to take on the role of treasurer, at the discretion of the council as a whole, to assist with ASB finances and approve all bills authorized by the Student Council.
8. Senators may be called upon to take on the role of secretary, at the discretion of the council as a whole, to keep accurate and up-to-date minutes of all regular and special student council meetings, and share those minutes with student council and staff.
9. Senators may be called upon to be the head of, or ex-officio member of, special committees as needed throughout the school year.
10. Senators may be called upon to represent the student council in a lead role at school related functions as needed throughout the school year.
11. Call special meetings of the ASB council.

Article VI Eligibility of Student Council Members

Section A: All students running for a ASB Senator/Cabinet position must have and maintain a cumulative 3.0 grade point average in middle school, or must be in good academic standing and/or showing academic growth on their progress report in elementary school.

Section B: A student must have been in attendance no less than 85% of the school year during the year they choose to run for an office. Attendance requirement may be waived for certain specific conditions. Attendance at student council meetings is required.

Section C: To be eligible, a student must be in excellent discipline standing, discretion determined by teachers and administrators.

Section D: All students running for an ASB position must have the recommendation of at least two of their current middle school teachers, or the recommendation of their current elementary teacher or administrators.

Article VII Jurisdiction over Vacant Offices

Section A: Any officer or member of Student Council missing three or more meetings without a reasonable or acceptable excuse may be suspended from the Council. Due process will be observed as related to Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Section B: Any student who drops below the required GPA shall be placed on probation from the office or position until the next grading period or until the required GPA has been met. Due process will be observed as related to Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Section C: Some offenses will automatically warrant removal of the executive officer or representative from the Student Council: Drugs or alcohol at school, smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco, and stealing. Other specific case or cases which would involve actions contrary to laws of the State of Washington may be decided by the council.

Section D: During the year of service, if a student receives 2 documented discipline actions, they will be put on probation. If they get more than 2 additional discipline actions, they will be removed from office. Suspensions and expulsions are automatic grounds for removal.

1 lunch detention = 1 discipline action

1 after school detention = 2 discipline actions

Section E: In the event of permanent vacancies in offices:

1. New ASB Senators/cabinet members will be appointed by Student Council (Results from the election will serve as the platform. The next in line would take over the position if an officer violates the rules described in the constitution)
2. Classroom representatives (if assigned) will be re-elected by the group they represent

Article VIII ASB Card

Section A: The cost of the ASB card will be determined by the finance committee and approved by the School Board.

Section B: Every ASB Senator/cabinet member must be a member of the Associated Student Body.

Section C: All persons participating in school sponsored athletics, activities and clubs must be members of the ASB.

Article IX Voting

Section A: Each member of the Student Council is allowed one vote for the office they represent. Club representatives are non-voting members.

Section B: A person may represent only one organization at student council.

Section C: Any student may attend a student council meeting (with teacher's permission prior to the meeting) but may not vote unless they are a member.

Article X Meetings

Section A: ASB Senators will meet prior to every ASB cabinet meeting to plan the agenda. Support in planning of meetings will be elicited from ASB Advisors. All persons must request a place on the agenda at that time.

Section B: Two-thirds of the Student Council must be represented to make a quorum.

Section C: ASB Senators may introduce new items at any given ASB meeting, once agenda items have been discussed.

Section D: Detailed notes will be taken at each meeting with support from ASB Advisors. All notes will be posted electronically and shared with all persons associated with the ASB cabinet, including ASB senators, ASB Advisors, school administration, school business professional, and any other appropriate staff members.

Article XI Elections

Section A: One ASB election will be held each spring at NLMS. Eight 7th Grade Senators will be elected into office.

Section B: One ASB election will be held each spring within the 5th grade classes of each of the elementary schools that feed into North Lake. Each elementary school will elect two 6th grade North Lake Senators, for a total of eight 6th grade Senators.

Section C: A Senator term will last one school year. The Senator term of service will begin at the end of August during our leadership training day, and will end on the last day of school in June.

Section D: Any student who wishes to run for an office may do so by filing a declaration of candidacy with the ASB Advisor and meeting all the requirements of the office.

Section E: All students must meet the ASB Senator criteria in Article IV of this constitution in order to be eligible to run for office.

Section F: All students enrolled in North Lake Middle School have the right to vote in the ASB officers elections.

Article XII Amendments to the Student Body Constitution

Amendments or proposed changes to this constitution shall be presented to the Student Council by the Executive Council and shall be adopted if approved by a simple majority vote of the Student Council.

Article XIII ASB Funds

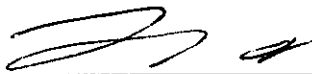
All Associated Student Body Funds, including budgeting, purchasing, and management of the funds will be subject to and follow rules and regulations concerning ASB funds as established by Washington State law, the Washington State Board of Education, and the policies and procedures of the Lake Stevens School District.

Approval

The North Lake Middle School ASB complies with all regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender or gender identity, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or co-curricular school activities.

We, the undersigned students of North Lake Middle School, do attest that this constitution meets with our approval as a result of planning and organizing. We wish to submit this document as our contribution towards the development of a governmental structure for our middle school.

This constitution was approved and ratified on April 24, 2026

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