

The Student Council Constitution

Preamble

We the students of Bishop Fenwick High School Student Council aim to be role models in integrity, service, compassion, and faith in our school community. We desire to uphold school spirit, encourage student government, and show leadership through our words and actions. We vow to honor and respect the rules and objectives found in this constitution.

Article 1- Name

The name of this organization shall be “Bishop Fenwick High School Student Council”

Article 2- Objectives and Purpose

1. To provide communication between Fenwick students, teachers, administrators, and community
2. To encourage the student body to practice their voting rights
3. To serve as leaders in school spirit, faith, and behavior to the rest of the student body
4. To organize, run, and attend student functions inside and outside of school hours
5. To be an outlet for school service projects and/or functions
6. To reflect a positive image of Bishop Fenwick High School at all times
7. To respectfully represent changes/needs, brought about by the student body, to Fenwick administration

Article 3- Membership and Application

1. All members of the Bishop Fenwick Student Council shall be elected into office
2. Every Student Council member is required to reapply each year
3. Membership is not a right, but a privilege, and can be taken away if necessary

Positions

1. Student Body President (Must have been a member for at least 2 years)
2. Student Body Vice President (Must have been a member for at least 2 years)
3. Secretary- (Senior)
4. Treasurer- (Senior)
5. Class Presidents- (1 per grade for 9-12th grade)

6. Representatives- (8 per grade)

Application Requirements

- A. Incoming Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors *must* turn in application on or prior to designated due date
- B. Minimum 3.0 GPA or higher (exceptions considered upon request)
- C. No more than 10 demerits per year
- D. Must be present for an interview with current student body president/VP prior to elections (for new members and those applying for office positions)

Elections

- A. Ballots will be decided by student body president/VP and moderator after interviews are held
- B. Voting for class presidents and class representatives will be done within each grade
- C. Voting for Student Body Officers (President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be done across the entire school
- D. Elections will be held during lunch for the length of 5 days
- E. 1 person, 1 vote
- F. Election results must be announced prior to the start of senior exams

Article 4- Responsibilities and Rules

- 1. All elected members are expected to follow the rules of the school handbook at all times
- 2. Members are required to attend all meetings and sign in upon arrival
 - a) Two unexcused absences will result in a meeting with President and Moderator
 - b) Planned/excused absences are permitted if the member notifies the moderator/president prior to 11:00pm (excluding unknown traffic) the night before a meeting
 - c) Planned/Excused absences include: doctor's appointments; sport commitments; transportation issues; family matters; academic make-up work
- 3. All members are required to attend all Student Council functions
 - a) Excused absences will follow the model above

Responsibilities of Officers

Student Body President-

- Run/Plan meetings
- Meet with administration regularly
- Communicate between moderators, members, and administration
- Designate work to be done for student council events

Student Body Vice President-

- Aid president in running/planning meetings
- Serve as substitute in president's absence
- Checking in on progress of each class via the class presidents

Secretary-

- Keep notes at all meetings
- Help write agenda for meetings
- Writing up requests and/or amendments to the constitution
- Maintain an organized system of all notes/paperwork
- In charge of taking and filing attendance
- In charge of sign up for dance set up/tear down

Treasurer

- Counts and records all money coming in to student council through student run events (With help of moderator if needed)
- Works with moderator to determine how to best spend student council funds

Class Presidents

- Serve as a leader to class representatives
- Informing class reps of any schedule changes
- Communicate meeting details/plans to any class member not present
- Organize grade duties (powerpuff shirts, locker bay decorations, etc.)

- Inform Student Body Officers of any problems, concerns, or ideas that members and/or students bring forward

Class Representatives

- Responsible for aiding Student Council in every event in whatever capacity needed
- Informing peers of Student Council events
- Aiding Class President with grade responsibilities (example: locker bay decorations)
- Asking and listening to fellow peers for information or ideas that Student Council can address

Committees

1. All Student Council members are required to either set up or tear down each dance (Prom-Juniors only)
2. All Student Council members are required to also join one committee
 - a. Jeans Day Committee: responsible for going around to each classroom and collecting jeans day money/handing out wristbands
 - b. Can Food Drive Committee: in charge deciding upon the goals/rules of the event, distributing boxes for cans, collecting/counting cans, help organize transportation of cans to organization
 - c. School Improvement Committee: in charge of coming up with ideas to better the school community and bringing them forward to the Student Body Officers, organizing school improvement events
 - d. Advertisement Committee: In charge of creating advertisements/posters/flyers involving Student Council events/service projects

Article 5- Vacancies

1. If a member is dismissed from Student Council- due to not meeting requirements listed above and/or breaking school rules- a replacement will be found

Replacement of Class President- a current class representative will be appointed by Student Body President

Replacement of Class Representative- a school announcement will be made; those interested will meet with Student Body President and/or moderator; of applicants- one will be selected

Replacement of Student Body Officer- a current member of Student Council will be voted into office by the current Student Council members

Article 6- Amendments

1. Amendments to this constitution can be brought about by any member of Student Council and require a 2/3rds majority vote in order to be passed