

# **Renaissance High School** **Student Council Constitution**

**W**e, the members of the Renaissance High School student council, in order to better our school, promote education in leadership, provide communication among administration, faculty, students and the public, and maintain a worthwhile participation in school activities, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution of the Renaissance High School Student Council.

## **Article I - All Student Body**

### **Section 1- All Student Body Office Positions**

Each all student body administration will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### **Section 2- Requirements for Candidacy**

Persons applying to run for class office must complete a letter of intent and application, have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher, and receive an average ranking of 40 or higher on teacher recommendation forms.

### **Section 3- Selection of Members**

Applications to run for an **all student body** office will be open to all junior and senior Renaissance High School students meeting the established requirements. Selection of the all student body officers shall be made through the annual election held the last Friday in April.

### **Section 4- Term of Office**

Members of Renaissance High School Student Council shall remain active as long as each member desires throughout the school year for which that person was selected, provided the general procedure of the council is followed, and their actions comply with the policies within this constitution.

### **Section 5- Responsibilities**

Members have the responsibility of representing the diverse cultures and opinions of their fellow students.

Members are responsible for themselves and their behavior as their actions ultimately reflect upon Student Council and Renaissance High School.

Members are accountable for their behavior. Behavior that is not worthy of emulation such as, but

not limited to; scamming, lying, stealing, vandalism, drug use, actions hazardous to oneself or others, is unacceptable.

Members, in order to receive credit for each semester, must participate in a minimum of 80% of student council meetings and participate in all student council sponsored events. **Note: legitimate conflicts must be discussed and excused by the sponsor(s).**

Members are responsible for upholding and supporting decisions of student council including the rules and procedures outlined in the Constitution.

Members are responsible for communicating accurately the business and decisions of Student Council to the Renaissance High School student body, staff, and administration.

Members are responsible for punctually and completely carrying out the duties handed down to them.

Members are responsible for voting intelligently or choosing to abstain.

## Section 6 – Duties

The **All Student Body President** shall be expected to:

- A. Help plan the business meeting agendas.
- B. Run the business meetings.
- C. Sit in the conference with the advisor(s) on any general Student Council issues.
- D. Attend monthly district meetings during the school day.
- E. Explain changes being made, activities going on in Student Council, and inform the council of what is expected of them.
- F. Appoint committee chairpersons as needed for student council activities.
- G. Keep council running smoothly and functioning productively.
- H. Be an example to all members at all times.
- I. Organize quarterly meetings between Student Council, Leadership class members, and/or club officers for the purpose of discussing activities of each group and how the groups can work together.

The **All Student Body Vice-President** shall be expected to:

- A. Aide the President in the meetings and discussions by keeping the order.
- B. Remove members who are disruptive or when asked to do so by the advisor(s).
- C. Sit in conference with the advisor(s) on any general Student Council issues.
- D. Work with committee chairpersons to make sure things are running smoothly.
- E. Assume all duties of the President when he/she is absent.

The **All Student Body Secretary** shall be expected to:

- A. Record and keep accurate minutes of each meeting.
- B. Issue copies of minutes to council members at the following meeting.
- C. Sit in conference with the sponsor(s) on any general Student Council issues.
- D. Compile a journal of meeting minutes.
- E. Work with committee chairperson(s) to make sure students are actively participating and report any problems to sponsor(s).
- F. Read all incoming mail to Student Council. Keep mail organized when necessary.

- G. Assume all duties of the President when the President and Vice-President are absent.

The **All Student Body Treasurer** shall be expected to:

- A. Keep all accounts accurate and up to date.
- B. Report the Student Council financial status at every meeting.
- C. Make transactions through the appropriate sources.
- D. Sit in conference with the sponsor(s) on any general Student Council issues.
- E. Assume all duties of the President when the President, Vice-President, and Secretary are absent.

## **Article II - Class Officers**

### **Section 1- Class Office Positions**

Each class administration will consist of a President, Vice President, and Secretary.

### **Section 2- Selection of Members**

Applications to run for class office will be open to all Renaissance High School students meeting the established requirements. Selection of Sophomore, Junior and Senior class officers shall be made through the annual election held the last Friday in April. Selection of Freshmen Class officers will be made through an election held the third Friday in September.

### **Section 3- Requirements for Candidacy**

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### **Section 4- Term of Office**

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Members are responsible for upholding and supporting decisions of student council including the rules and procedures outlined in the Constitution.

Members are responsible for communicating accurately the business and decisions of Student Council to the Renaissance High School student body, staff, and administration.

Members are responsible for punctually and completely carrying out the duties handed down to them.

Members are responsible for voting intelligently or choosing to abstain.

## **Section 6 – Duties**

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- B. Run the business meetings.
- C. Sit in the conference with the advisor(s) on any general Student Council issues.
- D. Explain changes being made, activities going on in Student Council, and inform the class of what is expected of them.
- E. Appoint committee chairpersons as needed for class activities.
- F. Keep council running smoothly and functioning productively.
- G. Be an example to all members at all times.

The **Class Vice-President** shall be expected to:

- A. Aide the President in the meetings and discussions by keeping the order.
- B. Remove members who are disruptive or when asked to do so by the advisor(s).
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- D. Compile a journal of meeting minutes.
- E. Work with committee chairperson(s) to make sure students are actively participating and report any problems to sponsor(s).
- F. Read all incoming mail to Student Council. Keep mail organized when necessary.
- G. Assume all duties of the President when the President and Vice-President are absent.

## Article III – Judicial Procedures

### Section 1-Judicial powers

Judicial power shall be vested in the sponsor(s), administrators, and officers.

### Section 2- Jurisdiction

The Sponsor(s)' power shall extend to convincing the impeachment and removal proceeding in student council, veto and 'controlling' power in rare and/ or extenuating circumstances, and cooperating with school administration in cases of student violation of this constitution.

The Administrators' power shall extend to serious circumstances in the removal process.

### Section 3- Consequences

Failure to comply with the constitution and its amendments or bylaws may result in one or more of the following consequences:

- A----- Written Warning
- B----- Written apology that must be read during the next council meeting.
- C----- Point deductions
- D----- Extra community service hours
- E----- Voting rights suspended
- F----- Suspension from meetings
- G----- Temporary removal from committee functions
- H----- Temporary removal from council functions
- I----- Permanent removal from council

Consequences will be determined by the student council advisor with input from the administration when necessary.

### Section 4- Removal

#### Temporary

During a meeting, a member may be asked to leave if he/she is causing a disruption.

During a Student Council activity or function, a member may be asked to leave if he/she is displaying inappropriate behavior.

Consequences of such behavior will be reviewed by the officers and sponsor(s) and will be enforced by the sponsor(s).

Continuance of such behavior will be reviewed by the officers and sponsor(s) and the member may be barred for attending Student Council activities, of members may be permanently removed from the class. NA

In any such accusation, every member of Renaissance High School is entitled to a defense, and a trial by his/her peers. Every member of Renaissance is entitled to a student defense.

## **Permanent**

Members shall have the sole power of impeachment.

Permanent removal from student Council shall occur when a member is proven to be habitually disruptive and/or inappropriately behaved or unwilling to follow class procedures or has seriously violated Renaissance High School Student Handbook and with concurrence of two thirds the membership.

## **Section 5- Vacancies**

### **Temporary**

Vacancy in the Office of President shall be assumed by the Vice-President. Should the Vice-President be unable to assume all the duties of the President, the duties are passed on to the Secretary then Treasurer. A Sergeant-at-arms will be selected to assist with these duties as needed. Council shall determine next-in-line to fill vacancy if the elected officers are unable to assume the duties of the President by a confirming vote of a simple majority of the membership.

If there is a vacancy in any office other than President, any member who is able may assume the duties of the vacated officer's position by a confirming vote of a simple majority of the membership.

### **Permanent**

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume all of the duties and responsibilities of President.

In the event of a vacancy in any other than President, a new officer shall be elected from and by the ranks of the present Student Council members and by a confirming vote of a simple majority of the membership.

## **Article IV- Meetings and Activities**

### **Section 1- Meetings**

ASB meetings will be held every Tuesday from 2:30 – 3:30.

Class officers will meet on the last Thursday of the month from 2:30 – 3:30.

Summer meetings will follow the same schedule.

Class presidents are required to attend the all student body and the class meetings.

Meetings can be cancelled or added as determined by a two-thirds quorum.

## **Section 2- Activities**

Student council is charged with sponsoring the following activities.

- CAS/Homecoming week
- Prom
- Two community service projects (one per semester)
- Two charitable donation campaigns (one per semester)
- Two fund-raising events. Funds are to be used by the council for CAS week, Prom, school gifts, and as needed to conduct council business

## **Article V- Amendments, Bylaws, Review**

### **Section 1- Amendments**

The membership, whenever two thirds shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this constitution.

### **Section 2- Bylaws**

Student Council shall have the power to establish Bylaws for this constitution. Bylaws shall be established as a separate document. The Bylaws are to be distributed, read, discussed and ratified (by two-thirds majority vote) at the beginning of each new school year.

### **Section 3- Constitution Review**

This constitution is to be distributed, read, discussed and ratified at the beginning of each new school year.

**We the members of the first Renaissance Student Council hereby sign this document willingly, to adopt it, to add to it, to realize it is not perfect, to accept the fact that it will be debated and to establish a system of government and law at this great school, that in time will be studied, talked about and displayed in schools all around the Great State of Idaho. By signing this document you agree that this constitution will be followed, protected and used in order to provide a more beneficial education process.**

**ASBP**\_\_\_\_\_

**ASBV**\_\_\_\_\_

**ASBT**\_\_\_\_\_

**ASBS**\_\_\_\_\_

**SOP**\_\_\_\_\_

**SOV**\_\_\_\_\_

**SOS**\_\_\_\_\_

**FRP**\_\_\_\_\_

**FRV**\_\_\_\_\_

**FRS**\_\_\_\_\_

**Principal**\_\_\_\_\_

**Vice Principal**\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Council Advisor**\_\_\_\_\_

In order to form a more flexible and accommodating union which will allow success in all quarters, we The Students of Renaissance High School adopt the above constitution.



## Suggestions:

ASB president: students have the right to run for the office of the President of Renaissance High School as a co-Presidency so long as both parties agree to share the power and maintain a running system of agreement; they must sign a contract stating they will work as a team and be fair on every level.

Senators: Each class will have 2 senators hand selected by the student council and approved by the leader of student council. The Senators will have the sole purpose to review issues and vote on bills outlined by the student council.

Suggestion box: the student council must provide a suggestion box for the students; one item will be selected per week and worked through. The messages must be used to benefit the student body as a whole, not a single party.

The ability of relinquishing any position is acceptable, but the leaving office holder must address, to the student council and the student body, why they are leaving and their reasoning behind it. With or without reason