

# Constitution of the Student Council -Elcho High School-

## **Preamble**

We, the students of Elcho High School, in order to establish a representative voice in school affairs, to coordinate student activities, to promote school spirit, to maintain the good standing of our school, to encourage harmony between students and faculty, to foster high ideals and scholarship, and to demonstrate good citizenship in our school, our community, our state and our nation, do hereby establish this constitution.

## **Article I**

### **Organization**

**Section A The activities of the student government established in this constitution shall be vested in Student Council**

#### **Section B Membership in the Student Council**

1. The Student Council shall be comprised of 2 democratically elected representatives from each class and the Vice President of each class. Thus the delegation from each class consists of 3 voting members.
  - a. Officers shall be elected by the Student Council to serve as leaders from within the body of representatives.
    - i. Offices include:
      1. President
      2. Vice President
      3. Secretary
      4. Treasurer
2. Each member shall be elected for one school year.
3. Members in good standing are eligible for re-election.

#### **Section C Requirements to be a Student Council Member**

1. Officers and Representatives
  - a. Be a member of the class of which they are representing.
  - b. Representatives must have run for an elected office and have been defeated
2. All members must be in good standing according to the Elcho High School extracurricular activity participation code.
3. Attend all Student Council meetings unless prior notice is given to the teacher sponsor that you are unable to attend.

- a. Members are only excused for 2 meetings OR officially scheduled activities per semester before impeachment/removal may be recommended by the Advisor or by action of the Council

#### **Section D Conduct required of Student Council Members**

1. Have a positive and cooperative attitude, with conduct above reproach, at school and in the community.
2. Set the example of behavior and spirit for the student body.
3. Support all programs sponsored by the council.
4. Support all programs sponsored by Elcho High School.
5. Support and respect the faculty and administration.
6. Support and show concern for the well being of fellow students.
7. Support and maintain a quality image to the community and school
8. Provide services to the students, faculty, administration and community.

#### **Section E Election of Student Council Members**

1. The Student Council shall set the date and procedures for the conduct of the council and class elections.
  - b. Candidates must follow the procedures for election. Students will not be allowed to run for an office if the election procedures are not followed.
  - c. Candidates must prepare a nomination form and personal statement made available to the Student Body prior to the election.
  - d. Elections will be held the fourth quarter previous to the term of which candidates are to serve.
2. Class Representatives shall be elected by secret ballot of their respective class.
  - a. Each student may vote once for each representative.
4. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

## **Section F Impeachment and Removal of Student Council Members**

1. Conditions of Impeachment
  - a. All members are subject to the extracurricular code of Elcho High School. Members placed on “restriction” may be subject to impeachment/removal actions.
  - b. Failure to comply with the attendance requirements.
  - c. Failure to comply with the conduct requirements.
  - d. Failure to complete tasks assigned by the Student Council to a degree that is significantly detrimental to the Council and the School.
2. Impeachment/Removal Procedure
  - a. Call for impeachment may only be made by the Advisor or by action of the Council
    - i. An impeachable offense defined within this constitution must have occurred
    - ii. A call for impeachment by the Advisor must be approved by vote of the Council
  - b. A hearing will be held between the member under review, the Advisor, and Council President. If a decision is made to proceed with impeachment, a meeting will be arranged between the Advisor, Principal, and member under review
  - c. Final decisions to impeach and remove are held by the Advisor and Principal
3. The Vice-President will succeed the President if necessary.
4. A special election will be held to replace a removed member by a class election within 2 weeks of removal.

## **Section G The Duties of Student Council Members**

1. Executive Council
  - a. President
    - i. Conduct meetings in an orderly manner
      1. Assign committee heads and members to accomplish Student Council objectives
      2. Ensure that committees are accomplishing given tasks
        1. Must be willing to work with the faculty and students to accomplish the council’s goals.
        2. Must conduct meetings in an orderly manner.
    - ii. Must maintain character befitting a president.
    - iii. Must work to develop harmony within the council.
  - b. Vice-President
    1. Must be willing to work with the President and other members to accomplish the Student Council goals.
    2. Must keep detailed attendance records.
    3. Will organize and execute service projects
    4. Will serve in the absence of the President.

- c. Secretary
    1. Must be willing to take accurate minutes and report them at the next meeting.
    2. Make proper announcements in a timely manner.
    3. Write appropriate correspondence and ensure that it is signed and mailed.
  - d. Treasurer
    1. Keep detailed record of the council's money
    2. Maintain supplies of cash for council activities (moneybox)
    3. Complete purchase orders and related paperwork for student council purchases
2. Representatives
- a. Attend student council meetings and represent the interests of the Elcho High School student body and community
  - b. Work in assigned committees and student council activities in order to improve the community of Elcho High School.

## **Article II**

### **Powers of the Student Council**

#### **Section A The Student Council shall have the right and power:**

1. To formulate activities or projects they deem beneficial to the school
2. To set meeting dates and attendance policies as needed on a yearly basis.
3. To recommend impeachment of its members with a violation of the constitution.
4. To develop policies and set standards in accordance with the preamble of this constitution.
5. To annually evaluate the practices and activities of the Student Council.
6. To annually re-evaluate election procedures.

#### **Section B Any regulations passed conflicting with this constitution shall not be valid.**

## **Article III**

### **Student Body**

#### **Section A The Student Body shall have the right and power:**

1. To meet and conduct business in coordination with the Student Council.
2. To cite any violations or accountability issues of the Student Council in regard to the Student Body.

## **Article IV**

### **Installations**

#### **Section A All officers must be installed before the end of the previous school year of their term.**

#### **Section B Ninth Grade Representatives will be elected in the general fourth quarter election as eighth grade students by their class.**

1. Except the class vice president representative, who is elected by the class in a separate election.

## **Article VI**

### **Veto**

#### **Section A The administration shall have the right to veto any measure proposed by the Student Council.**

#### **Section B Fifty-One percent of the Student Body or of the Student Council, constitutes a quorum.**