

Rosary High School Constitution

PREAMBLE

We the students of Rosary High School, in order to provide an opportunity to exercise self- government, to learn the processes of democracy, to develop leadership, responsibility, and a spirit of cooperation between school and community, and to contribute toward the development of the ideal Catholic woman, do hereby establish this constitution of the Student Council of Rosary High School.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be “Student Council of Rosary High School.”

Article II

Members

Section I: Every student of Rosary High School shall be a member of student student government and shall be represented at the Representative Assembly.

Section II: The members of the Representative Assembly (Student Council) shall be:

A: Four executive officers: president, vice-president, secretary, and Treasurer.

B: Homeroom representatives

C: The president and vice president of each class.

D: A moderator (s) appointed by the administration

Section III: Qualifications for representatives, class officers, and other organizational leaders shall be:

A: A “C” average in every class- maintained throughout the entire school year.

B: Respect for the policies and rules of RHS.

C: Good character.

D: Leadership.

E: Dependability.

F: Attendance at Rosary for at least two semesters or four semesters depending on office sought. (See Article II Section 3)

G. A candidate can never have been on disciplinary probation at Rosary.

Section IV: The term of office shall be for one school year.

Section V: Duties of the representative shall be:

A: Attendance at all meetings unless absent from school or excused by the moderator or Student Council President.

B: In the event of the absence of a representative, the representative herself shall call her alternate or appoint an appropriate substitute.

C: After the number of excused absences exceed three for a representative for any school year, the representative shall lose her vote until properly reinstated.

D: Students arriving after 2:55 shall be counted absent; three tardies will result in an absence.

E: Conduct the business of the student council during homeroom

Informing your homeroom members and obtaining their input.

E. Active participation on at least 2 Student Council sub-committees.

Section VI: Election of representatives and officers.

A: The election of class officers will take place at class meetings during the second half of April.

B: The election of representatives (excluding freshmen) shall take place during the first or second homeroom meeting of the year.

Freshmen homerooms shall elect their class officers during their class retreat. The homeroom representatives will be elected during the first homeroom following the class retreat.

C: Class officers are not eligible to be homeroom representatives. The goal of this restriction is to encourage maximum student participation in Rosary leadership opportunities.

ARTICLE III The Executive Council

Section I: Officers

A: The officers of the executive council shall be from the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes.

Section II: Qualifications of officers

A: A "C" average in all scholastic studies shall be maintained throughout the school year.

B: Respect for the policies and rules of RHS.

C: Dependability

D: Loyalty

E: Leadership

F: Initiative

G: Good character

H: Student at Rosary for at least two or four semesters at time of assuming office.

- Two complete semesters are required for the offices of secretary or treasurer.
- Four complete semesters are required for the offices of president or vice-president.

I: Approval of retiring executive council, moderator(s), and principal.

J: Never has been on disciplinary probation at Rosary.

Duties of officers

A. The President shall:

1. Preside at all meetings and conduct them according to the parliamentary procedure. Section
2. Appoint all committees and committee chairs.
3. Represent the school at all outside meetings.
4. Post notices of all regular and special meetings.
5. Approve nominations for executive officers of the next term.
6. Take charge of proceedings for the election of the next officers.

B. The Vice-President shall:

1. Be a true co-worker with the President and preside at meetings in her absence.
2. Attend all meetings.
3. Serve as parliamentarian seeing that the constitution and all rules of order are followed.

C. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep neat and accurate minutes of all meetings.
2. Record attendance violations.
3. Carry all necessary correspondence pertaining to Student Council.
4. Type and distribute a copy of the minutes to each representative before homeroom period following a meeting. Also see that the principal gets a copy.
5. Submit a typed copy of the minutes of every meeting held during term of office to be given to the moderator and put on file.

D. The Treasurer shall:

1. Keep an accurate account of all expenditures and incomes of the Student Council and all student organizations that bank in the Student Council account in order to present a full financial report at each meeting.
2. Pay and file all bills.
3. Submit the balanced, up-to-date ledgers to the moderator at the close of the school year.
4. Inform all student organizations of their cumulative funds at the close of the school year and whenever requested.

5. Have accounts ready for auditing at all times.

Section IV: Election of executive officers

- A. Prospective candidates must attend a mandatory leadership workshop.
- B. Any qualified student may be a candidate.
- C. The Student council moderator, other delegates, and the principal shall screen candidates for each of the offices.
- D. Qualifying candidates will be announced one week before the election.
- E. Candidates may campaign on the day of election. At the assembly on election day, the candidates shall give a two to four minute speech stating her qualifications and reasons for running for office.
- F. Immediately after the assembly, officers shall be elected by a popular vote.
- G. Votes shall be counted by the moderator.

Section V: Electors

- A. Each student shall be a qualified voter entitled to one ballot.
- B. Vice-president should not be a separate election category. For the office of president and vice-president, the student receiving the highest votes shall be the elected president and the candidate with the next highest votes shall be the elected vice-president.
- C. Other candidates who receive a majority of popular votes for a particular office shall be considered elected. In the case of a tie, the candidates having the two highest numbers of votes will run in a special election.

Article IV Meetings

Section I: The officers, representatives and moderator shall meet every week at the time and place appointed by the Executive Board unless the circumstances prohibit this.

Section II: The executive board and the moderator shall meet every week on a day preceding the meeting of the Representative Assembly to prepare agendas and plan activities.

Section III: The president shall have the power to call any special meetings and shall designate the time and place.

Section IV: No other meetings shall conflict with the regular meetings of the Student Council except under very special circumstances as discussed with the executive board and the moderator.

Article V Duties and Powers of the Representative Assembly

The Representative Assembly shall have the power (subject to the approval of the principal) by a vote of a clear majority to:

- A. Plan projects for the school
- B. Make suggestions beneficial to school management
- C. Conduct or sponsor special assemblies

- D. Sponsor social activities
- E. Encourage a spirit of cooperation, loyalty and respect toward the school, its customs, laws, and traditions
- F. Propose and approve Amendments to this Constitution subject to the input/approval of the representative assembly, moderator, and principal

Article IV
Removal from Office

- Section I: All members of the Representative Assembly shall be subject to impeachment for misconduct while in office, for failure to attend meetings regularly, for neglect of the duties of office, or for scholastic underachievement.
- Section II: Impeachment proceedings shall be determined by secret ballot and shall be the decision of a two-thirds majority of the Representative Assembly. The decision is subject to the veto of the principal as are all other Council decisions.