Constitution of the Student Council

Dickson Middle School

Preamble

We, the students of Dickson Middle 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. Executive Council
   1. President
   2. Vice-President
   3. Secretary
   4. Treasurer
2. Class Representatives
   1. 8th grade
   2. 7th grade
3. Each member shall be installed for one school year.
4. Members in good standing are eligible for re-election.

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

1. Executive Council
   1. The President and Vice President must be 8th graders who have had at least one year experience in Student Council.
   2. The Secretary and Treasurer must be 8th graders. Student Council members will have the opportunity to be elected for these offices in the spring. If an office is not filled during the spring election, it will be added to the agenda for election in the fall.
2. Class Representatives must be a member of the class which they are representing.
3. All members must have a minimum 2.75 GPA (C+ Average).
4. Members must attend all Student Council meetings or provide written notice(text) to an advisor prior to the absence.

**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 Dickson Middle 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 Executive Council and Student Council advisors shall set the date and procedures for the conduct of Student Council executive elections and interviews and acceptance of representatives.
   1. Candidates must follow the procedures for acceptance. Students will not be accepted if procedures are not followed.
   2. Candidates must have no more than one office referral.
   3. Candidates may not have any ISS or Alternative School placements in the current year.
   4. Executive Candidates must deliver a short speech prior to voting. Representatives must complete representative packet and complete an interview with executive council and advisors.
   5. Elections for Executive Council positions will be held in the 4th grading period for the upcoming school year during an April meeting. Class Representatives as well as Executive Council positions not filled in the spring election will be held in the 1st grading period.
   6. Current members will monitor the election process.
2. Student Council Executive Officers shall be elected by secret ballot of the current council.
   1. Each student may vote once for each office.
   2. The Executive Council candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be inducted.

3. Class Representatives shall be added to the council if he or she meets the requirements outlined in the representative packet including completing the interview process. Students who meet all requirement details in Article I sections C and D may be appointed to Student Council at the discretion of the advisors.

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

1. Probation
2. A grade of “D” in any class, per grading period, will place one on academic probation.
3. Failure to comply with the attendance requirements for Student Council meetings will place one on attendance probation . Members on attendance probation will remain of probation until a hearing is held.
4. Failure to comply with the conduct requirements detailed in Section D of this constitution will place one on conduct probation. Members on conduct probation will remain on probation until a hearing is held.
5. Members on probation shall not participate in Student Council activities until the probation has been lifted.
6. Removal
7. Any ISS or Alternative School placement will automatically remove one from Student Council.
8. Any member placed on academic probation must bring the grade up to at least a “C” in the next grading period. Failure to do so will result in removal from Student Council.
9. A grade of “F in any class per grading period will automatically result in removal from Student Council.
10. Any member placed on probation will be granted a hearing by the Executive Council, Advisors, and an administrator. This hearing will determine whether the member is to be removed from the Council.
11. Any member removed from Student Council will not be eligible to run for re-election in the following year.
12. Impeachment
13. Recommendations for Impeachment of Executive Council members can be brought to the Student Council advisors by any member of the Student Body, faculty, or staff.
14. A hearing will be conducted by Student Council advisor(s), a Teacher Committee and the Executive Council to discuss the possible impeachment.
15. The Vice-President will succeed the President if necessary.
16. The Student Council advisors will determine the need for and procedure for filling any vacant offices.

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

1. Executive Council

a. President

1. Must work with the faculty and students to accomplish council goals.

2. Must conduct meetings in an orderly manner.

3. Must maintain character beholding a president.

4. Must work to develop harmony within the council.

5. Must oversee and help execute projects of his/her committee(s).

b. Vice-President

1. Must work with the President and other members to accomplish the Student Council goals.

2. Must oversee and help execute projects of his/her committee(s).

3. Will serve in the absence of the President.

4. Must work to develop harmony within the Council.

c. Secretary

1. Must take accurate minutes and report them at the next meeting.

2. Must keep detailed attendance records.

3. Write appropriate correspondence and ensure that it is signed and delivered.

4. Must oversee and help execute projects of his/her committee(s).

5. Must work to develop harmony within the Council.

d. Treasurer

1. Must keep detailed records of the council’s money and report at each meeting.

2. Must work with his/her advisor to prepare a budget for the next school year. This shall be completed by April and presented to the Council for approval.

3. Will be trained by the school bookkeeper and will follow procedures for reporting income.

4. Must work to develop harmony within the Council.

2. Representatives

a. Will serve to help he student council.

b. Will work to develop harmony between the Student Council and the student body.

### Article II

### Powers of the Student Council

**The Student Council shall have the right and power:**

1. To formulate activities or projects they deem beneficial to the school.
2. To set Student Council meeting dates and attendance policies as needed on a yearly basis.
3. To recommend impeachment of its members in 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.

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### Article III

### Student Body

**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 Officers elected in the spring election will be installed before the end of the school year.**

**Section B Elections will be held in the fall. Those officers and members will be installed before the end of the first grading period.**

### Article VI

### Veto

**Section A The student council advisors and/or 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**