

# FOWLER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Plano, Texas  
F.I.S.D.

## Article I Name

The name of this organization is the Student Council of Fowler Middle School.

## Article II Purpose

The purpose of the Student Council of Fowler Middle School shall be:

1. To bring about closer cooperation between the faculty and the student body as representatives of the student body;
2. To cooperate with the administration with problems concerning the school and the student body;
3. To promote in each individual of Fowler Middle School a desire for good citizenship based on democratic processes;
4. To create and maintain school interest, school spirit, and loyalty;
5. To provide a forum for student concerns.

## Article III

### Membership

#### Section A

Each grade (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>) shall be represented by six (6) elected representatives. Elections for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade representatives will be held at the end of the school year, and elections for 6<sup>th</sup> will be held during the second six weeks of the following school year.

#### Section B

Qualifications for Membership:

1. All representatives of the Student Council must have and maintain an average of 80 or above in all classes.
2. The representative should exhibit the willingness to work and a desire for the organization to succeed.
3. The representative should practice good citizenship, scholarship, and leadership.
4. The representative must accrue *no more than one* C-Hall for each semester for the 2009-2010 school year.
5. The representative should not have acquired a short-term ISS, an In-School Suspension (ISS) or an Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) within the school year.

#### Section C

Method of Electing Members

1. A candidate for Student Council representative must file a petition with a Student Council advisor, signed by all his/her teachers containing grades for each class, and **fifteen (15) signatures** from students of their grade level. The grades must be from the most recent six weeks grading period.

2. An election shall then be held to elect the representative.
3. The vote will be taken by secret ballot, with members of each grade voting only for representatives of their grade level.

#### Section D

1. Each representative should attend all meetings of the council, and representatives may be removed from the Student Council if he/she misses three meetings without presenting reasonable excuses to a Student Council advisor **prior** to the meeting.
2. Each representative shall attempt to express the desires and opinions of the students he/she represents.

### **ARTICLE IV Organization**

#### Section A

##### Officers:

1. Student Council will have the following officers which will serve in leadership capacity and help preside over the student council general assembly: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Historian.

#### Section B

##### Qualifications of Officers

1. All officers must have and maintain a grade of 80 or above for all subjects.
2. Leaders must accrue *no more than one* C-Hall for each semester for the 2009-2010 school year, with no in- school or out-of-school suspensions.
3. The leaders should not have acquired a short-term ISS, an In-School Suspension (ISS) or an Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) within the school year.
4. The office of President may only be filled by an **8<sup>th</sup> grade student** with at least **one year** of student council experience.
5. The office of Vice President and Secretary may only be filled by a **7<sup>th</sup> grade or 8<sup>th</sup> grade** student with at least **one year** of student council experience.

### **ARTICLE V Election of Leaders**

#### Section A

Prior to officer elections, Student Council members will be afforded the opportunity to self-nominate for various officer positions. Upon nomination, each candidate must agree to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office being sought. These duties and responsibilities are set forth by the Student Council Sponsors. These nominations will be placed on a ballot and voted upon secretly by all current Student Council members.

### **ARTICLE VI Meetings**

#### Section A

The Council with representatives shall meet no less than twice a month. Meetings will be announced during morning announcements and they will be posted on the Student Council bulletin board. This schedule may change if the Council and its advisors elect to do so.

### Section B

Any member may be removed if he/she misses **three meetings** without presenting reasonable excuses to an advisor **prior** to the meeting. If a student is absent from school, their absence will be automatically excused. The advisor(s) will keep attendance records to avoid any discrepancy. This is a yearly account, not each six weeks or semester.

## **ARTICLE VII Grade Reports**

### Section A

All members of the Fowler Middle School Student Council will be required to present a copy of their report card to Mrs. Hill within one week of the grades being distributed.

### Section B

If any member does not meet the desired grade requirements for the office position held, he/she will be placed on academic probation until the next grading period. This will require said individual to submit a copy of their following progress report to the advisor(s) as well. Failure to bring up the grade by the next grading period may result in **removal** from the Council.

## **ARTICLE VIII Dismissal of Members**

### Section A

Members may be dismissed from the council if they have missed three meetings without good cause, if they have accrued more than one C-hall per semester or if they receive ISS, OSS or short-term ISS during the school year.

### Section B

Members will be notified of their dismissal by their Student Council Advisor (s).

## **ARTICLE IX Vacancies**

### Section A

If a representative of the Student Council moves from the school or is removed from the council, an alternative representative will be appointed by the Student Council General Assembly in their stead.

### Section B

If a Student Council Officer is removed for any reason, the Student Council General Assembly will appoint a new officer from within the General Assembly.

**Student Council Constitution**  
**Letter of Receipt and Compliance**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, have thoroughly heard and understand the Fowler Middle School Student Council Constitution. I promise to adhere to the requirements and responsibilities conveyed within this Constitution to the best of my ability.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_