

Whitney Student Council Constitution

- Article I This name of this organization is Whitney Student Council
- Article II The Student Council of Whitney High School exists to help maintain and promote a positive school culture and support the achievement and success of the student body.
- Article III This organization has nearly complete authority over assigned council projects, staff appreciation, publicity responsibilities, council meetings, evaluation of projects, evaluation of the student council constitution, elections, annual report to the school board, student attitude and involvement, committee recommendations, committee set-up and follow-through, and council fundraising.
We have shared authority over school moral and pride, general welfare of students and faculty, scheduling activities and meetings, charity drives, promoting citizenship and scholarship, fund raising, safety education, student-faculty-student council relations and communications, and freshmen orientation.
The principal has the right of final decision in all matters.
- Article IV Membership of this organization includes all students (committee members, committee chairs, delegates, and officers) which have applied for membership and have been accepted and continued to meet the criteria for membership. This will also include the advisor.
- Article V Candidates must complete an officer application prior to running. New members will be accepted any time throughout the year provided they complete an application and can meet and maintain the criteria for membership.
In order to be considered as an officer a member must fill the following criteria:
- The member has previously served at least one year as a Committee Chair or
 - The member has attended a Summer Leadership Workshop and
 - Has had a conference with the advisor and
 - Has filled out an officer application form.
- Officers will be elected during the last stated meeting before the end of the school year. They will be given an opportunity to give speeches during this meeting and elections will take place after all candidates have spoken. Members will write desired candidate for each position on a slip of paper and turn them in. The candidates with the most votes for each position will considered duly elected to the position.

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Committee Chairs will be elected by the executive board of the Student Council during an executive session. Students wishing to serve as a Committee Chair must indicate their wish to serve at least one week before the executive meeting is held. The date and time of this meeting will be announced each year.

Article VI Student Council will meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4 PM unless school is not in session or otherwise stated by the advisor or principal.

Article VII Duties of officers, members, and committees:

- I. Student Council President
 - A. Represent the student body at school district and civic events and other meetings.
 - B. Be responsible for coordinating the interviewing, selection, and functioning of Committee Chair people and task forces.
 - C. Supervise the functioning of the elected student body officers.
 - D. Develop the agenda for and preside over the meetings of Student Council.
- II. Student Council Vice President
 - A. Represent the student body at school, district, civic events, and other meetings as requested by the president.
 - B. Coordinate the work of committees.
 - C. Preside over Student Council meetings in the absence of the president.
- III. Student Council Secretary
 - A. Maintain the Student Council files and state reporting forms.
 - B. Prepare agendas for meetings.
 - C. Take and distribute minutes of meetings.
 - D. Represent the student body at school, district, civic functions, and other meetings as requested by the president.
 - E. Type material for student body officers and Committee Chair people as needed.
- IV. Student Council Treasurer
 - A. Coordinate the preparation of the annual budget.
 - B. Present the proposed budget to Student Council for adoption.
 - C. Maintain financial records of the student body.
 - D. Prepare financial reports for meetings of Student Council.
 - E. Coordinate fund raising projects of the student body.

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- V. Student Council Parliamentarian
 - A. Maintain member point reports
 - B. Prepare and submit member point reports to Student Council Advisor every six weeks.
- VI. Student Council Reporter
 - A. Write, edit, and submit stories about the Student Council to local media and social media.
 - B. Organize publicity for Student Council meetings and events.
 - C. Gather materials in preparation for the Student Council Scrapbook.
 - D. Be responsible for the completion of the scrap book.
 - E. Make sure pictures are taken of all activities.
- VII. Committee Chair person.
 - A. Recruit members of the committee.
 - B. Call and preside over meetings of the committee.
 - C. Inform officers of progress and problems which arise.
 - D. Delegate tasks of committee and follow up with members to be sure plans are complete.
- VIII. Council Member
 - A. Communicate ideas from the student body to the Council.
 - B. Reports to the class the results of Council action.
 - C. Serves on or chairs committees.
 - D. Volunteer as needed.
 - E. Shares input from the student body.

Article VIII

Article IX

The constitution will be considered ratified after a motion has been made to accept the constitution and is passed by a show of hands.

Suggested amendments to the constitution must be presented during a stated meeting. Proposed amendments cannot then be voted on until the next meeting.