

# Hidalgo High School Student Council Constitution

## Article I: Name

**Section 1** The name of this organization shall be Hidalgo High School Student Council, henceforth referred to as Student Council.

**Section 2** The Student Council is affiliated with both the Texas Association of Student Councils and the National Association of Student Councils.

## Article II: Purpose

The HHS Student Council was created by the Hidalgo High School Administration for the purpose of leadership and service. Powers granted the council include:

1. The power to create and coordinate committees to promote student activities and citizenship among the student body.
2. The power to conduct elections for Class Officers and Student Council representatives and any other election deemed necessary.
3. The power to carry out fund-raising activities to support Student Council functions.

## Article III: Membership, Responsibilities, Qualifications, Expectations, and Term of Office

**Section 1** The membership of the Hidalgo High School Student Council shall consist of Executive Officers and the slate of representatives elected by each respective class.

**Section 2** The Student Council Executive Officers shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. The responsibilities of the Executive Office members are as follows. Organization and election of Executive Offices and Officers shall take place within the remaining members of the council at the beginning of each calendar year.

### President:

- Shall be the official representative of the Student Council,
- Shall as a Senior preside at Student Council meetings,
- Shall prepare a written agenda for such meetings,
- Shall preside at assemblies, and shall appoint committees,
- Shall have voting power and may call special Council meetings with the consent of the Advisor,
- Shall lead in any other capacity as assigned by Advisor and/or administration.
- Shall act as official host for Student Council Visitors.

**Vice-President:**

- Shall as a Senior preside in the absence of the President,
- Shall have voting power,
- Shall act as official host along with the president.
- Shall over see, along with president, the activities and committee chairpersons.

**Secretary:**

- Shall be responsible for taking minutes at each meeting,
- Shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of those minutes,
- Shall keep a log of all minutes and by-laws passed by the Student Council,
- Shall take attendance at all meetings
- Shall have voting power,
- Shall be required to participate in activities and events Student Council is spearheading.

**Treasurer:**

- Shall keep a record of all financial transactions made by the Student Council
- Shall have voting power,
- Shall be required to participate in activities and events Student Council is spearheading.
- Shall provide a report of all transactions at the meeting.

**Parliamentarian:**

- Shall use and follow the rules of parliamentary procedure during meetings and gatherings.
- Shall have voting power
- Shall be required to participate in activities and events Student Council is spearheading.
- Shall attend meetings.
- Shall perform any other task assigned by President and Sponsor

**Historian:**

- Shall keep a record of all activities spearheaded by Student Council.
- Shall keep a photo history of the events and activities spearheaded by Student Council.
- Shall have voting power.
- Shall attend all meetings.

**Section 3:** Class Representatives

- Shall serve as a delegate from his/her respective class,
- Shall serve on Student Council committees.

**Section 4:** Qualifications for all HHS Student Council candidates and members are as follows:

**Executive Officers**

- Shall be a Senior during the term of office as President or Vice-President,
- Shall have no truancies during the year of holding office,
- Shall not have violated the 8 day policy during the year holding office,
- Shall have no violations of school rules and civil laws documented by the administration within the past year.
- Shall be placed on probation, if not fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the assigned office for a specified period decided by the Executive Office and the Body of Representatives.
- Shall be removed from office for habitually not fulfilling the duties and responsibilities assigned to that office,
- Shall attend “Friendship Line” festivities prior to beginning of football home games.
- Shall be involved in the organization, preparation of Homecoming and other events Student Council is assigned to lead.

**Section 5:** Expectations for Executive Officers and Class Representatives

- Shall have no more than three unexcused absences from Student Council meeting,
- Shall have no more than three absences from attending activities and events where Student Council is presiding.
- Shall have participation in committees and other events,
- Shall be a member of his/her respective class.

**Section 6:** The Term of Office for all Student Council members shall be one year beginning at the Induction Ceremony. A person may serve in the Student Council in the same elective/assigned position for more than one year.

**Section 7:** Point Requirements for Student Council Members and Officers.

1. Each member is required to have 19 points per semester.
2. Members are put on probation if they do not get the required 18 points.
3. The cut-off for probation is 9 points.
4. All points must be met each semester.
5. No Student Council member can be on probation two quarters in a row.
6. Student Council members must be in attendance at both Homecoming and Student Council events.
7. Each member not in attendance must submit a written excuse for advisor approval.
8. Each Student Council member must join a committee.
9. Each members must not be absent from meeting more than three times.

## **Article IV: Elections**

**Section 1**     The Class Representatives from each class

- Shall obtain, on a nominating ballot, the signatures of 20 members of their respective class;
- Shall file the petition with the Advisor,
- Shall be given two days to campaign,
- Shall follow rules for campaigning,
- Shall be the top vote-getter to win

## **Article V: Meetings**

**Section 1**     The Student Council as a whole shall meet twice a month

**Section 2**     The Executive Officers shall be more often, as decided by advisor, administration and president.

**Section 3**     Any meeting can be postponed by president with the consent of the Advisor.