

**ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY
OF STOCKDALE HIGH SCHOOL**

****CONSTITUTION****

PREAMBLE: WE, the Student Body of Stockdale High School, have adopted this Constitution in order to provide a means by which our school may be governed. This Constitution is designed to uphold the democratic ideals of our country, our community and our school---to ensure that we conduct ourselves with honor at all times in order that we may bring credit to our school and student body.

ARTICLE I. NAME:

This organization shall be known as the Associated Student Body of Stockdale High School.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES:

Section 1.

The purposes of this organization will be to broaden student horizons, practice good citizenship; promote harmonious relations throughout the school; provide a forum for student expression; provide orderly direction of school activities; promote the general welfare of the school, and monitor school expenditures.

ARTICLE III. POWER AND AUTHORITY

Section 1.

All powers of the Student Council are delegated to it by the school administration. The Principal has the right to veto any act of the Student Council.

ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1.

The election of officers will take place during the fourth quarter of the prior school year. New officers take office the day following the last day of school and continue for one year. *See Amendment 7 to the Constitution.*

Section 2.

Vacancies among officers will be filled by appointment of the affected class or board.

ARTICLE V. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

Section 1.

Any student of this school is eligible for election to the Student Council. (As ASB Reps.)

Section 2.

Any student who will be a Senior during the term of office is eligible for election to the Student Council.

Section 3.

An Officer or Class Representative may be removed from the position for:

- Failure to attend meetings
- Failure to represent the group properly
- Failure to carry-out duties

Or for any other actions which are detrimental to the welfare of the school. A student may be removed from the Council by the Principal or Advisor or by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS:

Section 1.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. *See Amendment 2.*

Section 2.

Nominations and election of President and Vice President:

- A. An election committee, appointed by the President, will formulate and publicize rules governing the election year.
- B. The election will be held during the first two weeks of the last month of school.
- C. Any member of the Junior class is eligible for nomination for the office of President or Vice President of the Student Council.
- D. Students desiring to campaign for the office of President or Vice President of the Student Council must file their names with the chairperson of the election committee or with the Student Council Advisor.
- E. There will be one week of campaigning under the direction and supervision of the election committee, after which the election will be held. Voting will be by secret ballot in voting booths or other specified locations set up by the Student Council.
- F. A majority of the votes cast will be required for election.
- G. A tally of votes and announcements of winners will be made by the election committee.

Section 3.

Nomination and election of other officers: *See Amendment 2.*

- A. The Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

Section 1.

Duties of the President will be to:

- A. Preside over the business meetings of the student council.
- B. Use correct parliamentary procedure.
- C. Rule on all Council actions where necessary. (A two-thirds majority vote of the council shall be necessary to override a presidential ruling.)
- D. Vote on any matter in which the council is equally divided.
- E. Appoint committees.
- F. Act as chairperson of the executive committee.

Section 2.

Duties of the Vice President will be to:

- A. Perform the duties of the President during any absence of the President.
- B. Serve as chairperson of the assembly committee.
- C. Serve as chairperson of the Constitution Committee.

Section 3.

Duties of the Secretary will be to:

- A. Take minutes of all official meetings of the Student Council.
- B. Keep a written record of all proceedings of the Council.
- C. Furnish information to the President and Advisor concerning action which should be taken by the council or which has been referred to a committee.
- D. Write correspondence for the Student Council.

Section 4.

Duties of the Treasurer will be to:

- A. Work with the advisor in maintaining records of receipts and expenditures of the Student Council.
- B. Make a financial report at every regular business meeting of the Student Council.

Section 5.

Duties of the Representatives will be to:

- A. Attend all meetings of the Student Council.
- B. Attend meetings of Committees of which they are members.
- C. Give student council reports to their classes after each council meeting.
- D. Bring to the council the suggestions and concerns of the members of their class.

Section 6.

Duties of the Parliamentarian will be to:

- A. See that the council abides by parliamentary procedure and the constitution and by-laws.
- B. Assist the Council members in learning correct parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES:

Section 1.

Standing Committees of the Student council will be:

- A. Assembly
- B. Constitution
- C. Evaluation
- D. Executive
- E. Honors and Awards
- F. Publicity
- G. Safety and Improvement
- H. Service and Courtesy

Section 2.

Special Committees may be appointed as necessary.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS:

Section 1.

The Student Council will meet once a week during the Student Council class period.

Section 2.

Special meetings may be called as necessary by the President or Advisor.

ARTICLE X. ADVISOR:

Section 1.

The Principal will appoint a member of the faculty to serve as Advisor to the Student Council.

Section 2.

The term of office of the Advisor is left to the discretion of the Principal.

ARTICLE XI. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT:

Section 1.

This Constitution will be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Council and a majority vote of the student body. *See Amendment 1*

Section 2.

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of the student body, the faculty, or administration and ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Council and a majority vote of the student body. *See Amendment 1.*

Section 3.

Proposed amendments must be read to the council at one regular meeting, be voted on by the council at the following regular meeting, and be voted on by the student body within the following week. *See Amendment 1.*

ARTICLE XII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Section 1.

Roberts Rules of Order will be the standard parliamentary text of this organization and will govern all cases not otherwise covered in this constitution.

ARTICLE XIII. BY-LAWS

(As needed)

AMENDMENTS:

AMENDMENT 1:

From this time forward only a two thirds vote of the council is needed to ratify a proposed amendment to the ASB Constitution.

AMENDMENT 2:

The Associated Student Body Executive Board shall consist of ten officials elected by the student body. These include the: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Commissioner of Public Relations, Commissioner of Clubs, Commissioner of Athletics, Commissioner of Rallies, and Commissioner of Cultural Affairs. Each candidate from these offices must be a member of the senior class during his or her term of office. The ASB Executive Board shall also consist of two representatives from each class council elected by their respective classes.

AMENDMENT 3:

The Parliamentarian shall be known as the Historian.

AMENDMENT 4:

Another duty assigned to this organization is to monitor school expenditures.

AMENDMENT 5:

Two thirds of the executive board must be in attendance in order to conduct official business.

AMENDMENT 6:

The election committee will headed by the ASB Historian. ASB elections will be held during the last quarter of the school year and class elections will be held approximately 2 weeks after. Freshman class elections will be conducted within the first month of school. Any member of the current Junior class with a GPA of 2.0 or higher is eligible for candidacy for the next year's ASB offices. Any student enrolled at Stockdale High School with a GPA of 2.0 or higher is eligible for their class offices. Students wishing to campaign for ASB or class offices must sign an application proposed by the ASB Historian. The candidate with the most votes is declared winner.

AMENDMENT 7:

Section 1: The official term of ASB officers begins on June 1st and ends on the last day of school.

Section 2: In case of a vacancy among the ASB officers a replacement shall be appointed as follows:

A: The Director of Student Activities shall submit the names of no more than three candidates to the ASB Executive Board for approval. The ASB Executive Board shall confirm the nominated candidate by a two-thirds vote of those voting

Section 3: In case of a vacancy among class officers, a replacement shall be appointed as follows:

- A. The class officers for the affected year shall nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy; and
- B. The nomination shall be approved by the ASB Executive Board for the affected year, by two-thirds vote of those present at the time for voting.

Section 4: The commissioner of Cultural Affairs shall be added to the ASB Executive Board, with duties as assigned by the Director of Student Activities and the ASB Executive Board.

Section 5: The ASB President, ASB Secretary, Commissioner of Cultural Affairs and ASB Public Relations will sit on the School Site Committee and have voting rights.

AMENDMENT 8:

Section 1: The GPA for Cheerleaders will increase to 2.5 as of December, 2007

Section 2: The GPA for ASB Officers will increase to a 2.5 as of December, 2007, ASB President must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Section 3: Honorary Band/Technicians Members

There will be two Honorary Band Members appointed to the Executive Board by the Principal, Band Director or other designee and up to six Honorary Technicians as non-elected members of the Executive Board. Appointed Honorary positions do not have voting rights.

AMENDMENT 9:

Section 1: School Site Council Representatives

The ASB President, ASB Secretary, Commissioner of Public Relations, and Commissioner of Cultural Affairs will be appointed to the School Site Council by the Principal or designee.

AMENDMENT 10:

ARTICLE XIV: Clubs and Student Organizations

Section 1:

Clause 1: Clubs and organizations shall have a faculty sponsor and shall submit a Constitution and a Club Petition with 60 signatures to the Executive Board for approval before they can begin to function.

Clause 2: Club petitions and constitutions must be submitted prior to the 30 of September of the calendar year.

Clause 3: Clubs and organizations **can not** meet or have an activity without an Advisor present. Clubs and organizations that do not follow the guidelines will not be sanctioned and will be disbanded.

Clause 4: Clubs and organizations must meet at least once a month. Clubs and organizations not following guidelines will not be sanctioned and will be disband.

Section 2:

Clause 1: All clubs and organizations shall be required to send an official representative to the Club President's meeting monthly and to complete 2 Community Service Projects a year. A report will be given by each President outlining what they have done in that month. Clubs and organizations failing to comply not be sanctioned and will be disbanded.

Clause 2: Only clubs with updated and approved constitutions on file and in good standing will be allowed to participate in school events, be pictured in the yearbook, publicize information, fundraise and conduct business. These clubs will receive their charter which must be updated annually.

Clause 3: No clubs or organizations shall fundraise or charge dues or fees without the approval of the Executive Board. Students unable to pay will not be denied membership in said club or organization.

Clause 4: All clubs and organizations shall have the right to determine the requirements of memberships so long as those requirements apply equally to all students. No student will be discriminated for any reason.

Clause 5: All clubs must abide by the Stockdale High School Associated Student Body Constitution and by-laws.

Section 3:

Clause 1: All club or organization activities and fundraisers must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board and Administration for approval.

Clause 2: All clubs and organizations must submit a budget to the Executive Board for any activity that involves the use of Student Body funds by September 30th.

Clause 3: All clubs and organizations advertising or publicize must be submitted to the Executive Board and Administration for approval.

Clause 4: All clubs and organizations must submit t-shirt art work/logos for ASB approval prior to ordering. **T-shirt artwork will be filed in the ASB Office.