

The Constitution of the Boyd H. Anderson High School

Student Government Association

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the student government association is to provide student leadership. It will assist in the management of the school and put into practice the basic principles of democratic procedure.

II. STUDENT CREED

- We the students of Boyd H. Anderson High School believe it is important to be an individual.
- We believe in the acceptance of different backgrounds and beliefs.
- We believe that each person should have the freedom of self-expression within the confines of responsibility.
- We believe in the value of active participation in sports. We know that through this participation we challenge ourselves as well as others and realize more fully the necessity of teamwork.
- We believe in the encouragement of creativity and scholastic initiative.
- We believe in providing the opportunity to become involved with others of similar interests.

III. AFFILIATIONS

The Boyd H. Anderson High School student government association shall be affiliated with the National Association of Student Councils, the Florida Association of Student Councils and the District student government organization (currently District 6).

IV. OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT

1. Qualifications: The president shall be a senior with at least a 2.5 weighted cumulative grade point average.
2. Duties: The president shall:
 - a. Preside at all meetings.
 - b. Represent the student body at all school and public functions.
 - c. Appoint committees with the assistance of the vice-president.
 - d. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - e. Make all necessary appointments.
 - f. Select a member of student government association to verify the qualifications of all officers and senators.
 - g. Vote in the event of a tie.

3. Method of Replacement:

In the event the president is unable to fill his/her obligations, the vice-president shall serve in the position of president.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT

1. Qualifications: The vice-president shall be a junior or senior with at least a 2.5 weighted cumulative grade point average.

2. Duties: The vice-president shall:

- a. Preside in the president's absence.
- b. Serve as president of the I.C.C.
- c. Work with the president to establish committees.
- d. Serve as the committee coordinator and be held responsible for ensuring committee reports are made to the general student body.
- e. Appoint committee chairmen who will notify the vice-president concerning all committee action.
- f. Have a full vote.

3. Method of Replacement:

In the event the vice-president is unable to fill his/her obligations, a junior or senior senator will be chosen to serve as the new vice-president by the existing officers.

C. SECRETARY

1. Qualifications: The secretary shall be a sophomore, junior or senior with at least a 2.5 weighted cumulative grade point average.

2. Duties: The secretary shall:

- a. Record all minutes.
- b. Read the minutes at every meeting (or provide a written copy).
- c. Record attendance.
- d. Handle all official correspondence.
- e. Be held responsible for announcements (after appropriate approval).
- f. Keep a scrapbook of all activities.
- g. Keep a file of all written explanations for absences.
- h. Submit a monthly calendar of activities and events members of the faculty, administration and I.C.C.
- i. Notify the president if a quorum is not present.

3. Method of Replacement:

In the event the secretary is unable to fill his/her obligations, a sophomore, junior or senior senator will be chosen to serve as the new secretary by the existing officers.

D. TREASURER

1. Qualifications: The treasurer shall be a sophomore, junior or senior with at least a 2.5 weighted cumulative grade point average.

2. Duties: The treasurer shall:

- a. Keep all financial records.
- b. Report the total financial standing of the student government association, including all expenditures and receipts, at each meeting.

- c. Work in close coordination with the school bookkeeper.
- d. Sign necessary paperwork in the bookkeeper's office for all expenditures.

3. Method of Replacement:

In the event the treasurer is unable to fill his/her obligations a sophomore, junior or senior senator will be chosen to serve as the new treasurer by the existing officers.

E. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board shall consist of all officers and an executive senator.

V. PRESIDENT'S CABINET

The President's Cabinet will be selected by the student government association's president with the approval of the officers who may make suggestions. Any student of Boyd H. Anderson High School may be appointed to the cabinet. They will be appointed after elections.

A. SUGGESTED MEMBERS

- a. Secretary General: The secretary general will organize all student government association and class elections.
- b. Parliamentarian: The parliamentarian will learn Robert's Rules of Order in order to assist in the correct conduction of meetings along parliamentary lines.
- c. Sergeant at Arms: The sergeant at arms will maintain order under the guidance and direction of the president.
- d. Historian: The historian will keep a scrapbook and work closely with the secretary.
- e. Surveyor: The surveyor will conduct polls and surveys among the student body. This person will work with department heads, clubs, etc., concerning suggestions for clubs, films, courses of study, etc.
- f. Reporter: The reporter will work with the school newspaper staff, Fort Lauderdale news, Miami Herald and Broward Times to dispense information.
- g. Publicity Secretary: The publicity secretary will work with the student government association's secretary and reporter on posters and other forms of publicity. He/ She will also contact radio and television stations concerning school activities.
- h. Any additional cabinet members may be appointed as the need arises.

VI. SENATORS

A. QUALIFICATIONS

A senator must have at least a 2.5 weighted cumulative grade point average. There will be four (4) elected per class for a total of sixteen (16). The senators shall constitute the Senate.

B. DUTIES

The senator shall:

- 1. Receive suggestions and criticism from the class members which they will pass on to the general student body for discussion and possible recommendations.

2. Serves as representatives to adult organizations related to the school. The student government association recommends two (2) senators per organization.

C. METHOD OF REPLACEMENT

1. In the event a senator is unable to fill his/her obligations, the position will not be filled. However, every class must have at least (1) senator.
2. In the event there is a total vacancy of senators in a class, a student in that class will be chosen to serve as a senator for that class.

D. EXECUTIVE SENATOR

The Senate will select a member of their group to serve as the executive senator. This person will serve as a member of the executive board and the appeals board.

VII. ELECTION PROCEDURES

A. OFFICERS

1. Elections must be held by the first week in May.
2. Candidates must petition for office. Petitions must be signed by all of that student's teachers and contain the signatures of fifty (50) students.
3. Candidates will present campaign speeches to the student body.
4. Voting will occur the day following campaign speeches.
5. Seniors will not be permitted to vote.
6. Newly elected officers are to work with the current officers for the remainder of the school year.

B. SENATORS

1. Elections will be held at the same time as officer elections. Freshmen will elect senators within the first two (2) months of the school year, in the fall.
2. Candidates must petition for office. Petitions must be signed by all of the student's teachers and contain the signatures of fifty (50) students.
3. Speeches will be given to the corresponding class along with speeches for class officers. (Ex: senior to senior class, junior to junior class, etc.)
4. Voting will occur in the same way and at the same time as officer elections.

VIII. QUORUM

Before a vote can be taken, fifty (50) percent of the voting body must be present. Each member of student government association shall have one (1) vote. The president shall vote only on the case of a tie.

IX. AMENDMENTS

- A. ANY STUDENT, TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR MAY SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION. FOR A STUDENT OTHER THAN A MEMBER OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION TO SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT, FIFTY (50) SIGNATURES CONSISTING OF STUDENTS AND/OR TEACHERS ARE REQUIRED.
- B. THE CONSTITUTION MAY BE AMENDED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION.

X. IMPEACHMENT

A. ALL MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ARE SUBJECT TO IMPEACHMENT.

1. A member may be impeached for failure to maintain the required grade point average.
 - a. The student shall be on probation for the next six week period.
 - b. After the six week probationary period, the student must submit a grade report signed by all teachers.
 - c. If the executive board does not feel appropriate progress had been made after the six week probationary period, the student will be asked to submit a registration or appeal his/her case to the appeals board.
 - d. No student may appeal more than once.
2. A member may be impeached for more than two (2) unexplained absences from student government association meetings.
 - a. A written reason for absence must be submitted to the secretary prior to the start of the next scheduled meeting.
 - b. Repeated absences will result in removal, with an opportunity for appeal.
3. The principal may remove any member at his/her discretion.
4. Any member suspended from school will be removed from the student government association without the right to appeal.

B. APPEAL BOARD

An appeal board composed of all officers and executive senators will listen to the defense of any person who chooses to bring his/her case before the board. The decision will be made by a closed ballot. To be retained, one must receive a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote.

1. The appeal board will be called only when necessary.
2. An appeal board member subject to impeachment cannot vote on his/her own removal.

XI. MEETINGS

- A. ALL MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES.
- B. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL MEET ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.
- C. AN ADULT ADVISOR MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL GENERAL MEETINGS.

XII. COMMITTEES

All committees will be established as necessary to serve for as long as needed. Standing committees may be organized if the need arises.

XIII. STUDENT ACTIVITY PROGRAM

- A. THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE INNER CLUB COUNCIL, OR I.C.C.

1. This organization will serve as a coordinating group to maintain a calendar of all school events and activities.
2. It will also provide primary approval of a suggested fundraising activities for all school organizations
3. The vice-president will serve as the president of the I.C.C.

XIV. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In all matters not specifically expressed in this constitution, the parliamentary authority shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

XV. CLASS OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

A. THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING ALL CLASS OFFICER AND SENATOR ELECTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CLASS ADVISORS.

B. OFFICERS

1. All classes will have four (4) officers: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
2. All officers must have at least a 2.5 weighted cumulative grade point average.
3. Class officer duties should reflect the duties of the corresponding student government association offices.
4. Officers may be removed for the same reasons governing student government association officer removal. Method of replacement will be as follows:
 - a. The vice-president will assume the president's positions.
 - b. The vice-president, secretary and treasurer will be replaced from the four (4) senators for student government association which represents that class. The other officers and senators shall vote upon who fills the vacant position.
5. Class officers will become members of the student government association.
6. Must have fifty signatures on petition.
7. Must have no prior school behavior record and no more than two referrals.

C. OFFICER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. It is recommended that each class select not more than ten (10) students to serve as an advisory council.
2. Each member must be approved by a majority vote of the officers and advisor.
3. The function of this group will be to assist, serve in committee positions, make suggestions, etc.
4. If it should become necessary to impeach an officer, the advisor will notify the other officers that action must be taken. The officer to be removed must be notified by letter that he/she is subject to impeachment so that he/she may either resign or appeal.

D. CLASS OFFICER MEETINGS

Class officers should meet on a regular schedule. If special meetings are called, the president must personally notify all other officers. No meeting may be called without approval of the advisors. At least one advisor must be present at all meetings.

E. CLASS MEETINGS

Full class meetings may be called as necessary.

F. ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Elections will occur in the same way and at the same time as student government association elections.
2. Candidates must petition for office. Petitions must be signed by all of that student's teachers and contain the signatures of twenty (20) students.
3. Senior, junior and sophomore class officers will be selected in the spring.
4. Freshman officers will be elected within the first two (2) months of the school year, in the fall.
5. Candidates will present campaign speeches to their respective classes.
6. Voting will occur the day following campaign speeches.
7. Campaign is limited to one week.
8. Newly elected officers are to work with the current officers for the remainder of the school year.