

CONSTITUTION

SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY

PREAMBLE

WE, THE STUDENTS OF SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL, WITH EQUAL REPRESENTATION, RESPECT, VALUE, AND RECOGNITION OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN ALL AREAS, ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OF SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL.

Article I. Name

Section 1:

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Student body (ASB) of Skyline High School.

Section 2:

The name of the mascot for all co-curricular activities shall be the Spartans.

Section 3:

The school colors shall be forest green, silver, and white.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide process and procedure for student voice; to improve and promote student, faculty, and community interaction through mutual respect and communication; to increase student input in all aspects of school management; to provide opportunity and representation for all academic interests and co-curricular activities; to allow for a flexible government format, and to establish traditions and responsibilities which promote a positive school atmosphere.

Article III. Membership

Section 1:

All students attending Skyline High School on a full-time basis, or a minimum of three class hours per day, shall be considered members of the Associated Student Body of Skyline High School.

Section 2:

All members shall have the privilege of voting in all major elections, and the rights, duties, and responsibilities which this implies.

Article IV. Associated Student Body Government Structure

Section 1:

The Associated Student Body of Skyline High School shall allow for a governance system of checks and balances and equitable distribution of duties and responsibilities and shall consist of four branches: Executive, Representative, Legislative, and Judicial.

Section 2:

The Executive Branch shall consist of both elected and appointed ASB officers, and shall collectively be named the ASB Board. The seven elected ASB officers shall be called the Executive ASB Board, and the appointed ASB officers shall be called the Appointed ASB Board.

Section 3:

The Representative Branch shall consist of three parts: the Student Senate, the ASB Board, and the School Administration (including principal, staff, and parent representatives). The Representative Branch shall provide for school-wide communication and representation of the student body through Student Senators elected from fourth period classes school-wide.

Section 4:

The Legislative Branch shall consist of the Student Council, which is made up of individual grade level class councils, and the ASB Board. The Legislative Branch shall provide for the creation, implementation, and evaluation of class activities, programs, and school-wide events.

Section 5:

The Judicial Branch shall serve to facilitate communication among students, staff, and parents in order to preview actions and/or programs prior to invoking the veto power of the principal of Skyline High School within the student governance system. The Judicial Branch shall consist of the ASB Board, the Student Senate, the ASB and Class Council Representatives to the Site-Based Council, and the Administration as defined in Section 3 above.

Article V. Duties and Designated Powers

Section 1:

The ASB Board shall:

- A. Determine policies and update handbooks concerning school student activities and develop the relation of the student government program to the administration.
- B. Preside over Student Council and Student Senate meetings.
- C. Select the appointed ASB positions with the assistance of the staff Activity Director.

Section 2:

The ASB Budget Committee, consisting of the current ASB Treasurer, the newly-elected ASB Executive Board, the newly-elected ASB Director of Fundraising, and the newly-elected Treasurer from each Class, and the staff Activity Director shall adopt a yearly budget and shall control all ASB funds.

Section 3:

A quorum in any decision-making body shall be necessary and present and shall consist of 2/3 of the elected and appointed officers of that designated group.

Section 4:

The principal shall have the right to veto student government programs in matters regarding school district policy and legality, important academic issues, safety, and the well-being of the students of the school.

Article VI. Officers and Election

Section 1: The ASB Board

The ASB Board shall consist of elected and appointed positions:

- A. The elected ASB officers shall be President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Assemblies, Student Activities Coordinator, and Director of Communications.
- B. The appointed ASB shall consist of no fewer than ten positions, and represent those positions and any committee chairs deemed necessary by the Executive Board.
- C. These officers shall be selected for a one-year term.

Section 2: Representative Branch

The Representative Branch shall consist of the ASB Board and elected Student Senators from each fourth period class each semester at Skyline High School. One Senator and one alternate shall be elected per class per semester.

Section 3: Class Council Positions

Each class level shall have its own officers. The President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected for one-year terms. Class representatives for each class shall be appointed for one-year terms by the class officers, in consultation with the ASB Director of Elections and the Class Advisor.

Section 4: General Election Information

- A. All ASB officers, Class Council officers, and Co-curricular officers shall be elected for one-year terms. Student Senators shall be elected for one-semester terms, and may repeat upon re-election for one year.
- B. All ASB officers, Class Council officers, Student Senators, and Co-curricular officers shall meet the eligibility requirements for co-curricular activities as established in the By-Laws.
- C. Each member of the ASB Board shall be of the two highest class standings, except the President, who shall be of the most senior class standing.
- D. Members of the ASB Board, Class Presidents, and Cheer Captains shall be enrolled in the "Leadership for Officers" class during their term of office.
- E. Varsity Cheer members shall be enrolled in the "Introduction to Leadership" class fall semester; Junior Varsity members shall be enrolled spring semester.

Section 5: Adult Representation

The principal, teacher, certificated, and classified staff representatives shall be employees of Skyline High School. Parent representatives shall be appointed by the PTSA and/or the Booster Clubs, and must also be a current member in good standing of one of the corresponding organizations.

Section 6: Taking Office

All ASB officers, Class Council officers, and Cheer staff members will take office on the last day of the school year preceding their term of office or membership. All Student Senators will assume their office upon election according to the guidelines established by the staff Activity Director and the ASB Director of Elections.

Section 7: Vacancies in Office

- A. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of ASB or Class President, the corresponding Vice-president shall assume the duties of that office.
- B. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any other elected ASB or Class office, an election shall be held for these offices prior to the middle of the spring semester.
- C. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Student Senate, the ASB Board may appoint a student to hold that office in consultation with the teacher of the affected fourth period class.
- D. For vacancies occurring in ASB offices after the middle of the spring semester, the ASB Board may appoint a student to hold that office.
- E. For vacancies in elected Class Council offices after the middle of the spring semester, the remaining class officers may appoint a student from their class to hold said office.

Section 8: Recall

- A. The recall of any elected or appointed officer shall be initiated upon violation of the terms of that officer's signed Oath of Office, and further proposed by a petition signed by 50% of the board of the group the officer represents.
- B. A majority vote of the group the officer represents is necessary for recall or probation. An officer who is recalled shall be immediately removed from office.
- C. An election/appointment to replace that officer shall be held within the following three weeks.

Article VII. Amendment

Section 1:

All additions or changes to this Constitution shall require an amendment.

Section 2:

Cause for an amendment may be initiated by a petition signed by twenty-five percent of the student body and presented to the ASB Board, or by a petition signed by two-thirds of the ASB Board.

Section 3:

Amendments must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the student body voting in an amendment election.

Article VIII. Ratification

Section 1:

A proposed Constitution shall be adopted for presentation to the general student body by a majority vote of the members of the ASB Board and Student Council provided that a quorum of the ASB Board is present.

Section 2:

At general election of the student body, two-thirds of the members who vote must approve the new document. When passed, it shall be declared in effect, with the previous Constitution nullified.

Ratified as defined above by: ASB Board adoption and a general vote of the Skyline High School student body, and approved by Faculty and Site-Base Council votes. May/June 1999