

## **Preamble**

We, the students of Deweyville Junior/High School, in order to promote harmony among the student body and the various inter-school organizations; to maintain a better understanding between students and faculty; to institute a better relationship between this school and all others of its kind; and to raise the standards and ideals of students themselves, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Student Council of Deweyville High School to promote activities for the betterment of the school, community, state, and country.

## **Article I:** **Name**

### **Section 1:**

- A. This organization shall be known as the Student Council of Deweyville Junior/High School.

## **Article II:** **Organization**

### **Section 1:**

#### **The Officers, Qualifications, and Duties:**

The executive council shall consist of the following officers:

- A. The **President** shall maintain an overall average of 90 or above and a satisfactory citizenship grade for each six week grading period. To be eligible, the student must be a Senior at the time the office is assumed. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, be aware of the duties of all officers, require reports from the officers, make announcements, and endeavor to maintain unity and harmony within the student body on all public occasions.
- B. The **Vice-President** shall maintain an overall average of 90 or above and a satisfactory citizenship grade for each six week grading period. To be eligible, the student must be a Junior or Senior at the time the office is assumed. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President during his/her absence, instruct committees, be official host/hostess for the Student Council, and serve as President if the office is vacated.
- C. The **Treasurer** shall maintain an overall of 85 or above and a satisfactory citizenship grade for each 6 week grading period. To be eligible, the student must be a Junior or Senior at the time the office is assumed. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all money, be responsible for payment of debts each month, and be responsible for reporting current balances.

- D. The **Secretary** shall maintain an overall average of 85 or above and a satisfactory citizenship grade for each six weeks grading period. To be eligible, the student must be a Junior or Senior at the time the office is assumed. The Secretary shall handle all correspondence, keep activities brought up to date, keep an accurate account of records of minutes, check attendance and keep files in order.
- E. The **Reporter (Historian)** shall maintain an overall average of 85 or above and a satisfactory citizenship grade for each six week grading period. To be eligible, the student must be a Junior or Senior at the time the office is assumed. The Reporter/Historian shall report all news that concerns the student body to the school newspaper and to local newspapers and be in charge of the Student Council scrapbook and have it completed before the State Convention.

## **Section 2:**

### **Election of Officers:**

- A. The Student Council officers shall be elected on a specified date set by the sponsor with the approval of the principal. Each officer shall be elected by a majority of total votes cast for that office by the entire student council members. If no candidate for an office receives a majority of votes, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates with the greatest number of votes.
- B. Any candidate wishing to become an officer must have been in the Student Council at least one year and present a speech to the Student Council members explaining their reasons for pursuing the desired office.
- C. Campaigning for membership shall be limited to posters, tags, stickers and speeches.

## **Article III:**

### **Removal Procedure**

## **Section I:**

### **Removal Procedure:**

- A. Any executive council member may be removed from the office for any actions which are determined to be detrimental to the Student Council or school. A two-thirds vote of the membership of the executive council shall be necessary to remove anyone from office. Such action must have approval of the sponsor and principal.

## **Section 2:**

### **Eligibility:**

- B. Any student failing to meet grade average requirements must enter a six week probationary period. After the end of the six weeks, if the required average has again not been attained, the member will be permanently relieved of duties. During the time of probation, the member shall not attend any Student Council meetings or activities.

## **Section 3:**

### **Alternatives:**

- A. If a member of the executive council resigns or is removed from the office, the executive council will be empowered, with the approval of the sponsor, to fill the vacancy; except in the place of President.

- B. If the President is removed for any reason, the Vice-President shall take his/her place and another Vice-President is appointed by the executive council and sponsor.

#### **Section 4:**

##### **Absences:**

- A. Any member of the executive council who has missed three regularly scheduled meetings shall be automatically dismissed from the council unless the absence was excused by the sponsor.
- B. If a representative has missed three regularly scheduled meetings or events sponsored by the Student Council, the Student Council shall request the representative's class to choose a new representative. If the class refuses for any reason, the executive council will discuss the reason(s) and if the council does not concur with the class decision, the council may veto the class decision and require the class to choose another representative.
- C. If a member misses three regularly scheduled meetings or three events sponsored by the Student Council he/she is automatically dismissed from the Student Council unless the absence is excused by the sponsor or principal.

#### **Article V:** **Amendments**

#### **Article VI:** **Source of Power**

#### **Section 1:**

- A. All Student Council events are subject to approval by the sponsor and principal.

#### **Article VII:** **By Laws**

#### **Section 1:**

##### **Meetings:**

- A. The date, and place of all meetings of the Student Council shall be determined by the sponsor and Student Council president subject to approval by the principal.

#### **Article VIII:** **Trips**

## **Section 1:**

### **Eligibility:**

\*Students will be chosen based upon how hard they work and how they conduct themselves.

\*The records of each student wanting to attend trips will be reviewed for misconduct that would make them ineligible. Students are chosen by the sponsor.

## **Section 2:**

### **Rules:**

- A. All students must conduct themselves in an orderly manner and be responsible for his/her own behavior and not jeopardize the rights of the other students.
- B. No student is allowed to leave without permission.
- C. No student is allowed out past the designated curfew.
- D. No student is allowed to use profane language.
- E. No student is allowed to engage in fighting.
- F. No student is allowed to consume drugs or alcoholic beverages.
- G. No student is allowed to use tobacco products.