

Irons Junior High Student Council Constitution

Preamble

We, the students of Irons Junior High School in Conroe, Texas, in order to help our school achieve the goals of: 1. Academic excellence, cooperation, and understanding among students, 2. Positive interaction between students and faculty, 3. Service to our school and community, 4. An atmosphere of working spirit, 5. Harmony among the student body, and 6. Raising the standards and ideals of the students themselves do hereby declare and establish this constitution

Article I.

Name

This organization shall be known as the Irons Junior High School Student Council.

Article II.

Purpose

The purpose of the Irons Junior High School Student Council shall be:

1. To establish close cooperation between the faculty and students of Irons Junior High School.
2. To establish standards of education, school spirit, and honor based on school pride.
3. To develop and nurture a sense of community, loyalty, and good citizenship.
4. To afford the students with a meaningful experience in the structure and functions of a democratic system.
5. To promote the general welfare of the school community.
6. To act as a central organization for Irons Junior High School.

Article III.

Powers and Responsibilities of the Student Council

Section A

The Student Council, subject to the approval of the administration, shall be empowered to organize and coordinate social and service along with other special projects of the school.

Section B

The Student Council shall be sanctioned to make suggestions in the form of resolutions to the administration. Such resolutions shall be represented to the administration through the Student Council officers or sponsors.

Article IV.

Student Council Members

Section A

The council should consist of student representatives and officers from both 7th and 8th grade. Any student can join student council as a representative by submitting an application. School wide elections for the officer positions will be held at the end of the school year preceding their appointment. Committee chairpersons will be appointed by the new officers at the end of this school year as well.

Section B

Qualifications for Membership:

1. All representatives of the student council must have and maintain an average of 70 or above in all classes.
2. The representative should not have acquired 3 or more detentions, an in-school suspension or an out-of-school suspension within the school year.
3. The representative should exhibit the willingness to perform all duties appointed to him/her by the council which includes putting forth time before and after school to accomplish the goals of the Student Council.
4. The representative should practice good citizenship, scholarship, and leadership.

Section C

1. All representatives should be familiar with the articles and bylaws of the Student Council constitution.
2. All representatives should abide by the Student Council constitution articles and bylaws.
3. All representatives should be in attendance at all meetings organized by the Student Council and all functions and activities performed by their committee unless excused prior to the event by the sponsors. Meetings will occur once a week. Any member may be removed if he/she misses three meetings in a semester which are not excused by the sponsors prior to the absences. Other activities and functions will be scheduled as needed. Each member is responsible for regularly attending activities within their committee. Members who are not in regular attendance may be removed from the council at the discretion of the leaders and advisors.

Article V.

Organization

Section A

Officers:

1. Student Council will have the following officers which will serve in leadership capacity and help preside over the student council general assembly: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Historian.

Chairpersons:

1. Student Council will have the following chairpersons which will serve in leadership capacity and help preside over the student council committee meetings: Community Service, Drugs, Alcohol, Safety, and Health, Energy and Environment, and Pride and Patriotism.

Section B

Qualification of Officers and Chairpersons:

1. All leaders of the student council must have and maintain an average of 80 or above in all classes.
2. The leaders should not have acquired 3 or more detentions, an in-school suspension or an out-of-school suspension within the school year.
3. All officer positions must be filled by a 7th or 8th grade student with at least one year of experience in Student Council.
4. Chairperson positions may be filled by either 7th or 8th grade representatives.

Section C

Duties of Officers and Chairpersons:

President – Officer of Student Council:

1. Create an agenda for and preside over all executive and general assembly meetings.
2. Call special meetings of the executive or general assembly at any time with the approval of the sponsor.
3. Have the power to appoint committees and chairpersons of those committees.
4. Vote only in case of a tie.
5. Be responsible to uphold and enforce the rules of the constitution of the Council.
6. Create, keep, and maintain member files to include contact information, application papers, and other information needed by advisors.

Vice President - Officer of the Student Council:

1. Attend all executive and general assembly meetings.
2. Assume all duties of the president in case of his/her absence or removal from office.
3. Perform all duties assigned to him/her by the President and/or council.
4. Create and maintain all sign in sheets as well as all volunteer hours.
5. Has the power to remove from any general assembly meeting any person disturbing the order of the meeting.
6. Create a calendar of all Council activities with information from chairpersons.

Secretary – Officer of the Student Council:

1. Attend all executive and general assembly meetings.
2. Create, keep, and maintain a record of all minutes of all meetings.
3. Keep and maintain a record of agendas of all meetings.

4. Keep and maintain a record of attendance of members at all Student Council meetings and activities.
5. Keep and maintain a record of all Student Council activities (calendar).
6. Have minutes available for students of this school.
7. Retain all significant incoming mail.
8. Keep any miscellaneous paperwork.

Treasurer – Officer of Student Council:

1. Attend all executive and general assembly meetings.
2. Approve, in conjunction with the advisors and appropriate administrator, any expenditure of Student Council funds, as well as keep record of every transaction in a month's period, as well as keeping receipt books.
3. Submit a full report (monthly) of Student Council funds to the Student Council.
4. Present all records to the Student Council sponsors at the end of his/her term of office.

Reporter – Officer of Student Council:

1. Attend all executive and general assembly meetings.
2. Takes on the publication and promotion of all Student Council events including posting information on the Student Council's bulletin board and giving information to outside media sources as needed.
3. Maintains the Student Council web page.
4. Must work directly with the Historian to maintain all aspects of both positions.

Historian – Officer of Student Council:

1. Attend all executive and general assembly meetings.
2. Gathers all materials for and puts together a scrapbook including the activities of all committees throughout the year.
3. Maintains a file of pictures from all Student Council activities throughout the year.
4. Must work directly with the Reporter to maintain all aspects of both positions.

Chairpersons – Officer of Committee:

1. Attend all executive and general assembly meetings.
2. Research any new ideas for projects for their committees.
3. Shall prepare, with the help of student council members, a project plan for all activities within their committee.
4. Shall prepare a report for all activities within their committee.

Article VI.

Election of Leaders

Section A

Officers will be elected by the Student Council by the following procedure:

1. Students who wish to run for Student Council Office shall complete an Application for Student Council Office. Applications shall count for 25% of the election process. Applications will only be considered if submitted on or before the due date specified by the advisors.
2. Students who wish to run for a Student Council Office shall obtain four teacher recommendations and the recommendation of their assistant principal. Teacher recommendations shall count for 24% of the election process. Teacher recommendations will only be considered if submitted on or before the due date specified by the advisors.
3. Students who wish to run for a Student Council Office shall be elected by popular vote of their peers. Popular vote shall count for 40% of the election process. Specific guidelines for campaigning and speeches will be provided by the advisors. Failure to comply with campaign procedures could result in disqualification. The candidates for Student Council Officer shall present campaign speeches to the student body their intentions and plans for the position. If the candidate is unopposed, he/she shall be introduced as a Student Council Officer. Students will be expected to present a speech before the student body prior to elections.
4. Students who wish to run for a Student Council Office shall be interviewed by the advisors prior to the election date. Interviews shall count for 10% of the election process.

Section B

Chairpersons will be elected to the Student Council by the following procedure:

1. Students who wish to run for a Committee Chairperson position shall complete an Application for Student Council Office. Applications shall count for 25% of the election process. Applications will only be considered if submitted on or before the due date specified by the advisors.
2. Students who wish to run for a Committee Chairperson position shall obtain four teacher recommendations and the recommendation of their assistant principal. Teacher recommendations shall count for 25% of the election process. Teacher recommendations will only be considered if submitted on or before the due date specified by the advisors.
3. Students who wish to run for a Committee Chairperson position shall be interviewed by the advisors and officers. Interviews shall count for 50% of the election process.

Article VII.

Dismissal of Members

Section A

A member may be dismissed from the Student Council if he/she does not meet set requirements in Article IV, Section B and C. The advisor has the right to choose to place members on probation for the period of nine weeks or to dismiss immediately based on the infraction.

Section B

Members will be notified of their dismissal by their Student Council Advisors.

Article VIII.

Vacancies

Section A

If a leader moves from the school or is dismissed from their position, an alternate leader will be appointed by the Student Council General Assembly.

Article IX.

Voting

Section A

The voting process takes place as follows:

1. Motion must be made.
2. Motion must be seconded.
3. Discussion concerning the motion takes place.
4. Actual Voting
 - a. The President shall call all in favor, all opposed, all abstained.
 - b. Motion either carried or disposed of as determined by the majority.
 - c. Student Council members have one vote each, with the exception of the President. Voting is limited to Student Council members. A quorum of two thirds of the voting members must be present in order to vote.

Article X.

Idea Presentation

Section A

Ideas are presented to the Council under New Business on the agenda. Ideas are then discussed by the Council. The Council must vote on the issue. If the idea is not passed, the Council may suggest further development. If the idea is passed, the Council will give the idea to administration for approval.

I, _____, have fully read the Irons Junior High Student Council Constitution and will abide by the guidelines.

Student Name (printed) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____