

# SHEPHERD HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I-NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of the organization governing this document shall be the Student Council of Shepherd Senior High School.

The principle purposes of this organization shall be:

1. To develop in the student a growing appreciation of the membership in a democracy by providing the educational responsibilities.
2. To promote school spirit.
3. To aid the internal administration of the school.
4. To promote in all ways the best interest in the school.
5. To foster the sentiments of law and order.
6. To promote general activities of the school.
7. To grant charters to clubs and organizations.

## ARTICLE II

The powers of the Council being delegated to it by the Principal or the Superintendent; they shall have the right of veto over any measure the Council passes after a conference with the Council.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Members and Election of Officers:

1. All students, teachers, and the school Principal of Shepherd shall be considered members of this association.
2. a) The Student Council shall consist of 2 members from each class. One being the president of that class and the other, a representative.  
b) Each club can elect a representative, but this representative will not have a vote in the Council.  
c) All representatives and presidents shall be elected by a majority vote of the organization they will represent.
3. The Administration shall appoint one faculty member to the Council.
4. Any member shall be dismissed from the Shepherd High School Student Council if he/she misses three meetings or functions of the body, or any combination of three misses without a reasonable excuse. The Council will decide whether the excuse is reasonable or not.
5. The Student Body officers of this organization shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
6. The class officers shall be president, vice president, **secretary/treasurer**, class representative.

## ARTICLE IV STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

Qualifications and Election of Student Body officers:

1. Officers shall be elected by the majority vote of the members of the student body.
  - a) All candidates must file a petition to seek election.
  - b) Elections shall be held in the spring.
  - c) All eighth graders shall be allowed to vote.
  - d) Eighth graders will not be allowed to run for office.
  - e) Seniors will not vote.
2. Officers shall serve for one school year.
3. Officers must meet the following criteria before running or holding office:

**No illegal substance violations**

**Cumulative 3.0 GPA (Appealable to Student Council Advisor)**

**President and Vice-President must be members of the senior class who have served at least one year previous in Student Council.**

**Secretary and Treasurer must be members of the Junior or Senior class**

**All activity eligibility requirements apply.**

**Students must have at least 2 faculty recommendations in order to run for office.**

## ARTICLE V CLASS OFFICERS

1. Officers shall be elected by the majority vote of the members of the student body.
  - a) **All candidates must file a petition to seek election.**
  - b) **Elections shall be held in the spring.**
  - c) All eighth graders shall be allowed to vote.
2. Class officers must meet the following requirements:
  - No illegal substance violations**
  - Cumulative 2.5 GPA (Appealable to Student Council Advisor)**
  - All activity eligibility requirements apply.**

## ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The President

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the Council.
2. Shall call extra meetings whenever necessary.
3. Has the power to vote in case of a tie.
4. Shall appoint all special and standing committees.
5. Has the power to serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, having the power to discuss and advise but not to vote.

The Vice-President

1. Chairman on all committees.
2. **In absence of President, Secretary, or Treasurer he/she takes over meetings and performs functions of those officers.**

The Secretary and the Treasurer

1. The above officers shall perform the usual duties of their offices and any additional duties seen fit by the President.

## ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

1. The Student Council shall meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings run according to "Robert's Rules of Order" on 51-minute periods.

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to this Constitution must be made in the following manner:

1. Amendment must be presented to the Council by any Council member or any student.
2. It then goes to the Student Council, where it must be passed by a three-fourths majority of the Council.
3. It then goes to the student body, where it must be passed a three-fourths majority of the student body.
4. The amendment goes into effect when the student body passes it by the designated majority.

## SECTION II

Any portion of the Constitution, amendments, by-laws or rules made by the Student Council may be voided by a majority vote of the student body.

## AMENDMENT I SHEPHERD HIGH CONSTITUTION

MEMBERS OF STUDENT COUNCIL MAY NOT DRINK, CHEW, SMOKE, USE  
ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES OR BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABOVE  
SUBSTANCES.

MEMBERS OF STUDENT COUNCIL MAY NOT RECEIVE OUT OF SCHOOL  
SUSPENSION.

ANY INFRACTION OF THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF THAT  
MEMBER FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE  
ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH THE INFRACTION TOOK PLACE.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE ABOVE MAY BE APPEALED TO  
THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND REVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.

STUDENTS RECEIVING FRIDAY SCHOOL OR LIKE PUNISHMENT WILL FACE  
REVIEW OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AFTER A HEARING OF THE CAUSES  
THE COUNCIL WILL RULE BASED ON THE SEVERITY OF THE INCIDENT.

THE ABOVE INSTANCES WILL BE LIMITED TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR THAT  
THE MEMBER WAS ELECTED TO SERVE.