

Thunderbolt Middle School Student Council Constitution
(Revised 2010)

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as the Thunderbolt Middle School Student Council.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Student Council is to promote the general welfare of its students, both socially and intellectually.

Article III – Limitations of Power

All powers of the Student Council are delegated to it by the school Administration. The Principal or Vice-Principal has the right to veto any Act of the Student Council or to revoke and of the powers held by it.

Article IV – Members

Section 1 – There are six elected officers: President and Parliamentarian elected from the eighth grade; Vice-President elected from the seventh grade; Historian, Treasurer, and Secretary from either seventh or eighth grade. Four Member-at-Large will be selected: Two from the seventh grade and Two from the eighth grade by the Advisors.

Section 2 -There will be eight eighth grade representatives and seven seventh grade representatives.

Section 3 – Students running for office must have a “C” average, with no “D’s” or “F’s”, good attendance, and satisfactory citizenship, with no referrals from the previous quarter.

Section 4 – Qualifications for membership of officers requires a “B” average with no C’s”, “D’s”, or “F’s”, good attendance, and no referrals. Representatives are required a “C” average with no “D’s” or “F’s”, good attendance, satisfactory citizenship and no referrals. If grades are below requirements the student will be suspended and if not improved, after two weeks the student’s spot will be replaced in Student Council; if a referral occurs, it will be reviewed by the Student Council advisors.

Section 5 – All representatives’ elections shall be completed no later than the first week of September of each school year.

Section 6 – All representatives shall be sworn in by The Principal or Vice- Principal of Thunderbolt Middle School. “I solemnly swear to uphold my office as a member of Thunderbolt Middle School Student Council. I shall keep at least a “C” average. I will set a good example for other students. I will report to my advisories and give them information on the meetings. I will

also accept information from my advisory and bring it back to Student Council meetings.”

For officers, “I solemnly swear to uphold my office as a member of Thunderbolt Middle School Student Council. I shall keep a “B” average. I will represent my school in the best way I can. I will set a good example for other students. I will help coordinate all activities at Thunderbolt Middle School and do my best to assist the Council in meeting the needs of the student body.”

Article V- Officers

Section 1- It shall be the duty of the President:

- A. To preside at all meetings of the Student Council
- B. To appoint all committees not otherwise provided by the constitution.
- C. To support all laws of school properties

Section 2- It shall be the duty of the Vice- President:

- A. To take over meetings when the President is absent
- B. To accept any responsibility delegated by the President
- C. To properly support all school laws.

Section 3- It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

- A. To record the minutes of the meeting
- B. To handle all correspondence
- C. To properly support all school laws

Section 4- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

- A. To handle finances of the Student Council
- B. To keep records of income and expenses
- C. To prepare financial reports for the Student Council
- D. To properly support all school laws

Section 5- It shall be the duty of the Historian:

- A. To maintain a scrapbook demonstrating student life throughout the current school year
- B. To accept any responsibilities delegated by the President
- C. To properly support all school laws

Section 6- It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian:

- A. To maintain order in all Student Council meetings
- B. To accept any responsibilities delegated by the President
- C. To properly support all school laws

Section 7- It shall be duty of the seventh and eighth grade Members-at-Large:

- A. To accept any responsibilities delegated by the President

- B. To properly support all school laws

Section 8- Replacements of ineligible representatives:

- A. Person selected to take the place of suspended person shall serve the length of that suspension
- B. Suspension shall be determined by the Student Council advisors
- C. Person ineligible for two times will be replaced with the alternate

Section 9- Officers shall be elected by the student body...

- A. Person with majority vote shall receive the office
- B. All students trying out for the certain office shall give a speech no longer than two minutes telling why they feel they should be elected to the office
- C. Each student wanting to run for an office must have a petition signed by twenty-five students from their grade, and a teacher recommendation from any teacher before they run for an office
- D. The campaign shall begin upon approval of petitions and last until election takes place
- E. The students shall vote in their classrooms, after the speeches have been made. They shall choose one person for each office
- F. The officers term will expire at the end of the school year

Article VI- Removal from office

- A. An officer may resign if he/she gives a valid reason
- B. An officer may be asked to resign by the school Administration
- C. When the need arises one of the two eighth grade Member-at-Large will be appointed to the office and if he/she is unable to fill the office one of the two seventh grade Member-at-Large will be appointed.

Article VII- Committees

- A. Committees shall be established by the Executive Board
- B. The following standing committees will exist each year: Spirit, Scrapbook, Fundraising/public service, Banner, Calendar, Public Relations/ Communications, Collage, Calendar, Awareness, and Name Tags

Article VIII- Advisor

- A. The Principal shall appoint member(s) of the faculty to serve as advisor(s) of the Student Council
- B. The term of office of the advisor is left to the discretion of the Principal

Article IX- Parliamentary Authority

This Student Council shall follow- Robert's Rule of Order

Article X- By-Laws

Section 1- The meeting shall be opened by the President, who will ask the Secretary to read the minutes from the last meeting, and take attendance. The Treasure will read the account of the Student Council.

Section 2- You shall approach all questions to the President by raising you hand. A member can only make a motion when he/she has the floor. After a motion has been made it shall be seconded and the presiding officer restates it. Each motion must be disposed of in some way before the group can take up another item of business. If the members wish temporarily to set aside the motion until the next meeting they may do so.

- A. The President shall bring up any new business. A motion shall be made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and dismissed by the President.
- B. Each member of the Student Council must conduct themselves in a manner benefiting a student council member, or they may be suspended by a majority vote. This may be done at the request of the administration.
- C. A resignation from a Student Council officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the Student Council.

Article XI- Constitutional Revision

The Constitution may be revised as deemed by the executive committee. Changes must be presented at one meeting and discussed and approached at the following meeting.