

Guidelines for BCEI Student Council

Article I – Objectives

The BCEI Student Council exists to represent students, their interests, and affairs in the operation of their school. The Student Council will act as a liaison between the students and the BCEI Administration and shall assume the role of spokesman for the student body in its relationships with the BCEI Board of Directors.

The Student Council exists to cultivate an attitude of responsibility to the well being of BCEI. The Student Council shall promote the principles of honesty, integrity, and citizenship among the students; and will strive to instill a feeling of loyalty to the school. The Student Council will be a responsive to the extra-curricular wants and needs of the student body and shall support such desired events and activities.

Article II – Legislative Body

The Student Council will be composed of representatives from the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes. The Student Council shall consist of presidents from the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes along with representatives at-large from each class and an Executive Board. The class presidents will be elected by the legislative body during the first Student Council meeting of each school year which is tentatively planned for a Monday evening in August. Any student is eligible to become a representative upon successful completion of the standardized application form and who maintains at least a “C” average and who has not failed any more than one subject from the previous academic school year.

Section 1

Members of the Student Council Executive Board will consist of a Student Council President, Student Council Vice President, a Recording Secretary and the Presidents of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. There will be an election each year for all positions except the members at-large. The elections will take place at the first Student Council meeting of the year. Each candidate will give a two minute speech about why they would be the best person for the position. At the conclusion of the speeches each class will elect a president and the entire Student Council will elect the Student Council Vice President, and Student Council Recording Secretary.

Section 2

The President shall preside at all Student Council meetings. The Vice President shall preside over the Student Council meetings in the absence of the President. The Recording Secretary shall take the minutes of each Student Council meeting; distribute the minutes of the prior meeting to all members in attendance; this can be accomplished in either oral or written form. All members of the Executive Board, except for the President, will chair and serve on committees when needed.

A member or members of the BCEI Board or the Director/Administrator will be in attendance of all Student Council meetings to act as an advisor to the council.

Section 3

The Election of Officers:

- (1) No junior will be denied the opportunity to be elected president
- (2) No sophomore will be denied the opportunity to be elected vice president, or recording secretary
- (3) No freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior will be denied the opportunity to be elected class president
- (4) All elections shall be done with a secret ballot and counted by advisor(s) from the Director/Administrator
- (5) All elected officials terms will last one school year

Article III – Meetings and Committees

Section 1

A member or members of the School Board of Directors and the Director/Administrator will be in attendance at all Student Council meetings to act as an advisor to the council. The advisor(s) shall give advice to the Student Council on matters of policy and act as a liaison between the Student Council and the School Board of Directors. The advisor(s) shall be invited to all meetings of the legislative body and legislative committees.

Section 2

Legislative committees will have as their purpose to study problems, purpose solutions, make recommendations, and help coordinate activities. The chairperson shall be a member of the Student Council Executive Board as appointed by the president and shall present a committee report to the president at the Student Council Meetings.

Article IV – Accountability

- (1) Every representative and member at-large will be required to be a member of at least one committee during the school year.
- (2) Every representative and member at-large will be required to fulfill at least one responsibility related to the every day function of the school. The responsibilities will be identified by the School Board and Administration.
- (3) All representatives are expected to attend all Council meetings, except as provided by the BCEI Administration because of unchangeable circumstances.
- (4) Failure to fulfill the above requirements will lead to separation from the membership of Student Council.