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STUDENT COUNCIL MCES ST. MARY CAMPUS Monroe, Michigan

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Mission Statement

We, the elected representatives of MCES St. Mary Campus will do everything in our power to represent the students of our school, to uphold all school rules, to form a bridge between faculty and students, and provide a guidepost for our fellow classmates.

ARTICLE II Purpose

The purpose of the MCES Student Council of MCES St. Mary Campus is:

1. To maintain strong faith and commitment in service to God;
2. To bring about closer cooperation between the faculty and the student body as representatives of each homeroom;
3. To cooperate with the administration with problems concerning the school and the student body;
4. To promote in each good citizenship based on democratic processes;
5. To create and maintain school interest, school spirit, and loyalty;
6. To provide a forum for student concerns.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1:

Description: Each Grade (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th) will be represented at Council by representatives from their homeroom classes. Two (2) Representatives will be

elected in each homeroom by their fellow classmates. For the first session (2025-26 school year), representatives will be elected in the end of September.

Section 2:

Qualifications for Membership: All representatives of the Student Council must have and maintain a 72% or above in all classes. The representative should exhibit the willingness to work and a desire for the organization to succeed. The representative should practice good citizenship, scholarship, and leadership. Candidates must have their application signed by their parent/s and homeroom teacher. If a student receives a think sheet during the duration of their student council membership they will be placed on behavioral probation. If a student receives a think sheet while on behavioral probation they will be removed from the student council.

Section 3:

Election of Members: Students interested in being a candidate for the position of representative in Student Council will file a petition- provided by their homeroom teacher- with the Student Council faculty moderator/s. Petitions will be made available on the first Monday of November, personal statements will be delivered on the second Monday and elections will take place on Tuesday of that same week in Homeroom. Votes will be counted by administration and reported to the faculty moderators/s by Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

*Candidates interested in presenting their ideas for student council will be given an opportunity to address their homeroom class, and may attempt to persuade their classmates to vote for them. This address should be limited to 2 minutes.

Campaigns will remain positive.

Section 4:

Meeting Attendance: Representatives will be required to attend every meeting of the Council. Meetings will be held after school biweekly at 2:45 and occasional meetings during lunch with a packed lunch (officers only). Students who miss a meeting without a valid excuse will be put on probation, and will be removed from their post after two unexcused absences.

ARTICLE IV Organization

Section 1:

Officers: Student Council will be made up of the following:
8th Grade Representatives will hold the posts of: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, and General Assembly
7th Grade Representatives will hold the post of: Vice President, Chaplain and General Assembly
6th Grade Representatives will hold the post of: Vice President, Chaplain and General Assembly
Officers will hold their term for one school year.
5th Grade Representatives will hold the post of: Chaplain and General Assembly.
3rd and 4th Grade Representatives will hold the post of: Advisory Board Members.

Section 2:

Selection of Officers: Officers will be selected from the elected representatives of the homeroom classes. At the first meeting of the newly elected Student Council, representatives will voice their interest in obtaining a position by filling out an Officer Nomination Form. Officers will be selected by a faculty committee based on character, citizenship and their nomination form answers.

ARTICLE V Meeting Format

Section 1:

Meetings will be held on every other Wednesday after school at 2:45pm- 3:30pm in the faculty moderator's classroom. Meetings will be student led and minutes will be taken by the Secretary. The student council Google Classroom will have important information and dates that are important to members and should be checked often.

ARTICLE VI Dismissal of Members

Should a student miss more than three meetings they will be removed from the Student Council. Should a student have any class grade fall below 72%, they will have one week to bring it back up. If the representative fails to do so, they will be removed from the Student Council. If a student receives a think sheet during the duration of their student council membership they will be placed on behavioral probation. If a student receives a think sheet while on behavioral probation they will be removed from the student council.

ARTICLE VII Vacancies

Should a vacancy of office materialize, the seat will be filled by a nomination process of interested candidates, and a special election in the Homeroom Class affected. The student removed from office is ineligible to run for the vacancy.

ARTICLE VII

Website

Student Council will maintain a website, on which meeting minutes and other pertinent information will be presented. This website will catalog the actions of the Student Council so each representative's constituents (homeroom classmates) may follow the progress and actions of student council.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Once Student Council has been gavelled into session, and officers have been selected, representatives will enter into committees to address a variety of issues. These issues will be determined by the Council and approved by the Faculty Moderator/s. Committees will be required to develop a mission statement and keep a digital folder of minutes and notes on the progress of their issue. Should a committee fail to maintain their task, the committee will be dissolved.

ARTICLE VIII

Adoption and Amendments

This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council and approved by the Principal or Assistant Principal. Any Student Council Representative, faculty member, or administrator may propose an amendment to this constitution. It must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council and approved by the Principal or Assistant Principal.

This document is accepted by the MCES Student Council of St. Mary Campus as denoted by the following signatures:

Principal:

Assistant Principal:

Faculty Moderator/s:

Student Representatives:

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8A	8B
7A	7B
7A	7B
6A	6B
6A	6B
5A	5B
5A	5B
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