

WMHS Student Council Constitution

Article I: Organization

The name of this organization shall be the West Monroe High School Student Council, hereafter known as the Student Council.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A) To provide service to the school and the community
- B) To promote student participation in school activities
- C) To provide a liaison for communication among the school's student body, faculty, staff, and administration on important school-related issues
- D) To provide a forum for student expression

Article III: Membership

Membership in the Student Council shall be granted to all West Monroe High School students who:

- A) Have been democratically elected as class officers.
- B) Have been selected as members at large (by the elected class officers)
- C) Maintain a 2.5 GPA with minimal discipline concerns, if any (see by-laws)
- D) Regularly attend meetings, serve on committees, and participate in Student Council sponsored events

Article IV: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Parliamentarian of the student body/senior class. All members of the executive board must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA

- A) Presidential duties:
 - a. To act as Chief Executive of the Student Council
 - b. To preside at all meetings
 - c. To attend LASC convention, district workshop, and summer workshop
 - d. To assume all duties generally associated with the office of President
- B) Vice-Presidential duties:
 - a. To execute the duties of the President, if necessary
 - b. To attend LASC convention, district workshop, and summer workshop
 - c. To assume all duties associated with the office of Vice-President
- C) Secretarial duties:
 - a. To keep the record of all meetings and official business
 - b. To call roll at all meetings
 - c. To keep a file of correspondence
 - d. To attend LASC convention, district workshop, and summer workshop
 - e. To assume all duties generally associated with the office of Secretary
- D) Historian duties:
 - a. To maintain historical records of the club's accomplishments and activities for the year.
 - b. To collect items such as pictures and memorabilia about the club and its members.
 - c. Establish and/or maintain the club's social media accounts
 - d. To attend LASC convention, district workshop, and summer workshop

***In addition to duties listed above, each Student Body Executive Officer will be in charge of a single subcommittee decided on by the Student Council and will be required to attend additional meetings with the school advisor(s).**

Effective: 2016-2017

Article V: Meetings

All meetings shall be held on the West Monroe High School campus. The time and location of regular meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board at the beginning of the academic year. In the case of bad weather or an emergency, the President or Sponsor shall have the authority to cancel a meeting.

Article VI: Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any Executive Board member during a regular business meeting. Voting on the proposed amendment(s) shall be conducted in terms of a two-thirds majority.

Article VII: State Executive Board

WMHS Student Council members (in good standing, aka not on probation) wishing to represent West Monroe High School by serving on the Louisiana Association of Student Councils State Executive Board must submit an application to the advisory board that is composed of the WMHS student council advisors, 1 WMHS administrator, and 2-3 WMHS teachers. The application will include an essay, three teacher recommendations and an information packet. Applications will be reviewed, and all eligible candidates will be interviewed by the advisory board prior to receiving approval to represent WMHS.

- **Qualifications:**
 - Must have been in student council one full school year prior to applying
 - Must have no less than a 3.0 GPA
 - You must have attended LASC Summer Workshop prior to running
 - Must be willing and able to attend 2 weekend board meetings (February/March and September)
 - Must attend LASC Summer Workshop in June after being elected
 - Must attend LASC Convention in January
 - Must attend Vision Conference or NASC in June/July (State President Only)
 - If running for SBESE you must be able to attend the BESE meetings in Baton Rouge (every other month). You are responsible for transportation to and from each meeting.
- Remember as a candidate for State Officer, you are not running for office, you are running to represent WMHS. If you do not meet the expectations outlined by the state executive board, you can be removed from your position and replaced by another WMHS student.

By-Laws

1. Members, delegates, and advisors may be assessed a nominal fee to attend field trips, workshops, rallies, and conventions. Other fees may contribute to Student Council sponsored/sanctioned activities.
2. Annual dues are twenty five dollars and are to be paid at the beginning of the year. Dues shall be spent on the authority of the Executive Board and advisors.
3. All business and elections shall be conducted in terms of a simple majority.

4. To run for Senior Class President, you must be a member for no less than two years. To run for other offices, you must have been a member for one year before you may run for an office. The position of Student Council Officer must have and maintain a 3.0 gpa.
5. Class Representative shall be open to all West Monroe High School students that have at least a 2.5 GPA. All interested parties are required to submit applications at the designated time each school year.
6. All officers, members, and advisors of the Student Council shall behave in accordance with the beliefs and values of the Student Council. Therefore, all parties associated with the Student Council shall be held to a higher standard, and should refrain from major and minor disciplinary infractions, illegal activity, questionable photographs, and any other activity that may reflect negatively on the Student Council.
7. Any infraction resulting in an out of school suspension, loss of privileges or removal from another organization, shall result in removal from the organization. Also, conduct unbecoming of a student council member ie. social media posts, inappropriate school behavior, and or actions outside of school that are brought to the advisors attention may result in removal from the club at the advisors discretion.
8. Any student wishing to run for a class office or as a member of the Executive Board must choose only one office. You may not run for more than one office at the time.
9. All members chosen to be delegates at the Louisiana Association of Student Councils Convention shall be selected in this order: Senior Executive Board, Junior Class Officers, Sophomore Class Officers, Freshman Class Officers, Junior Class Representatives, Sophomore Class Representatives, Freshman Class Representatives. (No senior class representative shall attend LASC convention that is not held at West Monroe High School)
10. Members shall be allowed four absences for the year, or two per semester. After the third absence, members shall be removed from the Student Council roster. This includes meetings as well as events hosted or sponsored by the Student Council.
11. Any student wishing to run for Student Council officer MUST attend LASC Convention, and LASC Summer workshop.
12. All members of student council are expected to attend and/or participate in all council activities including fundraisers, council led activities and events. Failure to do so can result in probation and/or removal from the club.
 - a student put on probation will be expected to attend all meetings, participate in all activities, maintain behavior at the level expected of a WMHS council member (see by-law #6 and 7). Any instance of failure to attend, failure to participate in club activities as well as behavior that is deemed inappropriate for a WMHS council member will result in immediate removal from WMHS Student Council.
13. Failure to comply with the Constitution, the decisions of the Executive Board, and the beliefs and values of the Student Council may result in a member's removal from the Student Council.
14. Any student wishing to run for student council office or serve as a member of student council should be referral free when applying and remain so for the school year in which they are serving.

15. A member can also be removed for highly undesirable behavior when not directly representing WMHS including but not limited to activity unbecoming on social media ie. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.

16. Should a member be removed from the council for any reason, that member will not be allowed to run for office of the Student Council. However the student may apply for membership (non officer) after that member has sat out one full year.

17. While all members of WMHS Student Council are expected to participate in all council activities including monthly meetings, fundraisers etc. We the advisors recognize that extenuating circumstances arise and your participation may be difficult or impossible. It is your responsibility to communicate those issues with the council advisors as soon as they arise.