

AVON MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL
Student Council Constitution and Bylaws

ARTICLE 1: APPELLATION

The name of this organization shall be the Avon Middle-High School Student Council.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- a. Represent the students of Avon Middle-High School
- b. Voice the concerns of the students
- c. Raise morale through activities and events designed to increase school spirit

ARTICLE 3: AUTHORITY

- Section 1** All powers of the Student Council are delegated to it by the school administration and/or the School Committee.
- Section 2** All actions of the Student Council are subject to review, and possible veto, by the principal.
- Section 3** The Student Council adviser is appointed by the principal, and acting as a designee of the principal, is empowered to manage council activities, oversee the council budget, and aid the council in its activities and projects.

ARTICLE 4: ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1** The council shall consist of two co-presidents, a secretary, and 1-2 historians, along with additional representatives from grades 9-12.
- Section 2** All students enrolled in grades 9-12 at Avon Middle-High School shall be welcome to attend and participate in council meetings and events.
- Section 3** Student Council representatives will apply in late September, late January, and early June.
- Section 4** Representatives are expected to accrue the minimum number of points required by the end of each term (see Appendix A).
- Section 5** If the point requirements are not met by the final day of the term, then the student will be put on probation, with the potential to be removed from the Council if it happens a second time in a calendar year.
- Section 6** Students must be academically eligible (as defined in the Parent/Student Handbook) to hold office and/or serve on committees.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Section 1** StuCo officers must be in grades 10-12 during their term of service.
- Section 2** Representatives must be in grades 9-12 during their term of service.
- Section 3** Elections for co-president, secretary, and historians will be held during a meeting in May, according to the election rules outlined in these bylaws.
- Section 4** The co-presidents shall:
- a. Conduct Student Council meetings
 - b. With the adviser, set agenda and maintain procedure for meetings
 - c. Be responsible for writing morning announcements about council activities
 - d. Meet with admin to follow up on concerns raised at StuCo meetings
- Section 5** The secretary shall:
- a. Attend all meetings and record minutes
 - b. Be responsible for tracking attendance for committee meetings
 - c. Forward minutes to adviser following the meeting
- Section 6** The historian(s) shall:
- a. Attend all meetings and events
 - b. Chair Council of Excellence committee
 - c. Maintain and submit the MASC Council of Excellence book
 - d. Maintain and submit the NASC Council of Excellence application
- Section 7** Representatives shall:
- a. Represent the views of their class at StuCo meetings
 - b. Share StuCo news and activities with their class
 - c. Participate in at least one full-year committee or two short-term committees

ARTICLE 6: OFFICER ELECTIONS

Section 1 In order to be eligible for any Student Council officer position, a student shall be academically eligible according to the Student/Parent Handbook.

Section 2 Candidates for co-president must be current members of Student Council.

Section 3 Elections shall be run in the following manner:

- a. Voting shall take place by paper or electronic ballot following a regularly scheduled council meeting in May. Only Student Council representatives will be permitted to submit a ballot.
- b. Immediately following the voting, the faculty adviser shall count the votes. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be held the following school day. This decision shall stand.
- c. The newly-elected students for each position shall be announced and posted no later than the day following the elections.
- d. The newly-elected students shall assume office at the following meeting.

Section 4 All candidates elected to office shall serve a one-year term.

ARTICLE 7: REPLACING A STUCO OFFICER

Section 1 If a StuCo officer becomes academically or otherwise ineligible for office, they will be subject to the waiver process outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook.

Section 2 In the event that an officer resigns or is removed from their position, an election will be held to fill the open position. A spot on the ballot will be offered to any current StuCo representative.

Section 3 Voting on the new officer will be done by StuCo voting members in executive session.

ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS

Section 1 Regular meetings shall be held after school every Friday in the library.

Section 2 All regular meetings shall be open to the student body.

Section 3 No meeting may be called without prior notification of the adviser.

Section 4 Executive session will be held following a regular meeting as needed to discuss revisions to the bylaws, hold votes, and handle other business not appropriate for the general meeting.

ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEES

Section 1 Committees will be formed as needed.

Section 2 Committees shall:

- a. Include representatives from grades 9-12
- b. Elect co-chairs
- c. Meet weekly
- d. Carry out the duties delegated to them by the Student Council

Section 3 Chairs shall:

- a. Attend all committee meetings
- b. Keep a record of attendance at each meeting and forward to the StuCo secretary within one day of the meeting
- c. Present a brief oral report of committee activities at weekly StuCo meetings

Section 4 Representatives shall maintain a minimum of 80% attendance in committee meetings.

ARTICLE 10: RECOGNITION

Section 1 Year-End Awards

- a. Senior members in good standing shall be recognized at graduation with a pin and honor cords.
- b. One freshman or sophomore will be given the Rising Star award, granted to the student who shows the most potential for StuCo leadership.

Section 2 Term-End Awards

- a. MVP
- b. Panther PRIDE

- c. Above and Beyond - Gold - 40+ points beyond the term target
- d. Above and Beyond - Silver - 25+ points beyond the term target
- e. Above and Beyond - Bronze - 15+ points beyond the term target

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APPENDIX A

AMHS Student Council Point Guidelines

Rules

- Students may join Student Council at the start of each semester upon following the appropriate application process.
- Non-members who meet the points requirement for a term may be invited to apply for StuCo outside of the usual application timeline.
- If the point requirements are not met by the final day of the term, then the student will be put on probation, with the potential to be removed from the Council if it happens a second time in a calendar year.
- ***Seniors who do not meet the point requirement will not be recognized at graduation.***

Point Values

- Attending a StuCo meeting: 1-2 points
- Participating in executive session: 1 point
- Attending a committee meeting: 1 point
- Chairing a committee: 3-5 points each term (at the discretion of advisor and e-board)
- Participating in StuCo events: 1 point
- Volunteering at StuCo events outside of school hours: 3-5 points (at the discretion of advisor and e-board)
- Volunteering at StuCo events during school hours: 1-3 points (at the discretion of advisor and e-board)
- Participating in Spirit Days: 1 point
- Attending a conference: 2 points/day
- Presenting at a conference: 3 points
- Attending a School Council/Boosters/School Committee meeting: 1 point
- Attending a regional or state council meeting (SERSAC, SSAC, MASC, SEMASC): 1 point

Points Total Required by the End of the Term				
Grade	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
6-7	10	20	30	40
8	15	30	45	60
9	20	40	60	80
10-11	25	50	75	100
12	25	50	75	85