



Ketchum High School Student Council Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Ketchum High School, do hereby establish a Student Council to be a forum for student opinion, promote positive attitudes of cooperation between faculty and students, provide opportunities for volunteer service to the school and community, and develop a culture that fosters student citizenship and leadership. To affirm our dedication to these ideals, we do hereby adopt this constitution for the Student Council of Ketchum High School.

ARTICLE ONE

Section 1

The governing organization of the student body shall be known as the Student Council and shall be recognized as the official representative organization of the student body and as such its action supersedes those of all other student organizations.

Section 2

The Student Council shall be divided into two branches: the Executive Committee and the Class Officers. Their relationship shall be benevolent and shall foster intragovernmental cooperation.

Section 3

All powers of the Student Council are delegated to it by the principal who has the right to veto any act of the body or to revoke any powers held by it.

Section 4

The Student Council shall have the power:

- To enforce all rules necessary and proper for the general well-being of the Student Body
- To provide for the disbursement of the Executive Committee funds
- To override a Presidential veto by two-thirds vote of all present
- To make recommendations on any subject to the administration

ARTICLE TWO

Section 1

The Executive Committee of the Student Council shall consist of the Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Reporter, and the Class Presidents.

Section 2

The Student Body President along with the approval of the Executive Committee Officers shall appoint committees and shall appoint all committee chairs as may be deemed necessary. A chairman shall serve to report back necessary information to the Student Government. After the committee's work is done, the group will be disbanded. If in the event another project of similar task is undertaken and a committee is necessary, the President shall be able to appoint a new chairperson or rename a former chair to again serve.

Section 3

The President

- Shall be the chief executive of the Executive Committee
- Shall preside at all executive and all Executive Committee meetings
- Shall have the power to veto over all Executive Committee legislation
- Shall faithfully execute all provisions of the constitution and legislation of the Executive Committee
- Shall appoint all committees and the chairmen of such, and shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees
- Shall be the Master of Ceremonies of all programs and assemblies as designated by the principal
- Shall serve as an intermediary between the administration and the student government and shall present all government business to the administration
- Shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie
- Shall designate a moderator or spokesperson in the event of his absence or in extenuating circumstances.

Section 4

The Vice President

- Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence
- Shall assist in the drawing up of all agendas and assembly programs
- Shall oversee the various committees
- Shall act as chairman of the Interclub Council
- Shall perform all other duties which may be assigned by the President or the Adviser

Section 5

The Secretary

- Shall keep and file an accurate record of all Student Council meetings and Executive Committee meetings
- Shall perform all Student Council correspondence: keep file of all letters received and their date and day of receipt
- Shall keep a scrapbook of all Executive Committee activities
- Shall receive and file monthly reports as written by all committee chairmen
- Shall inform the Student Council records of all Executive Committee meetings

Section 6

The Treasurer

- Shall keep all financial records of the Executive Committee
- Shall make a report of all finances at government meetings and submit a copy of the report to the secretary
- Shall count all monies received and deposit them in the main office

Section 7

Student Body Reporter

- Write, edit, and submit stories about the Council to the school paper and local media.
- Organize publicity for Student Council meetings and events.

Section 8

Student Body Historian

- Gather materials in preparation for the Student Council Scrapbook.

- Be responsible for the completion of the scrapbook.
- Maintain a file of materials about activities of the school.
- Make sure pictures are taken of all activities.
- Coordinate work on other historical presentations (i.e., slide shows, video).

Section 9

The Adviser

- Shall be appointed by the Principal
- Shall work to further the Student Government and aid the organization in performance of their duties
- Shall interpret questions not addressed in the Constitution
- Shall accompany the selected delegates to the State Conference if applicable

Section 10

The Judicial Committee

- Shall be in charge of any recall procedures
- Shall consist of appointed members: three seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores, which shall be appointed by the Student Council Adviser. The adviser and the principal shall also serve as nonvoting members of the committee.
- Shall interpret the Constitution and have the final voice in all questions pertaining to the Constitution.
- The Judicial Committee will be appointed by the council only when needed.

Section 11

The Interclub Council shall consist of a representative from all clubs, organizations, and sports teams within the school. The purpose is to coordinate club activities within the school and provide a broader base for student involvement by creating an atmosphere of position relations for further leadership.

ARTICLE THREE

Section 1

All legislative powers of the Student Council shall be vested in the Student Council.

Section 2

The voting members of the Executive Committee will consist of all members of the Student Council. The Executive Committee meetings shall be open to all enrolled Ketchum High School students and the Student Government Adviser.

Section 3

Members of the Executive Committee shall abide by the point system and must earn at least 90 points to remain an active voting member for each semester. Members can only miss up to 2 meetings to be able to attend district meetings. Members must check in with the advisor if they are unable to attend a meeting.

3 points	Attending a meeting, you MUST be there for the entire meeting
5 points	For Projects Ex/ Writing Christmas Cards for Veterans
5 points	For Committee Chair, you MUST complete the task
3 points	For being a committee member, you MUST complete the task
10 points	Per hour for helping outside of school, not during school hours. Ex/ helping set up for an event the night before
5 points	For attending StuCo activities Ex/ Dance or StuCo sponsored event
15 points	Attending Basic or Advanced or other Leadership Camps
10 points	For selling required amounts of fundraiser items or donating money. Working a fundraising event.
More earnable points may be added throughout the school year.	

ARTICLE FOUR

Section 1

Class Officers are responsible for furthering the well-being of their respective classes.

Section 2

The individual classes shall be charged with the responsibilities and oversight of the following activities:

- Freshman Class: Fundraising for future activities, Class Service Project
- Sophomore Class: School Dance, Class Service Project, Fundraising for future activities
- Junior Class: Prom, Class Service Project
- Senior Class: Graduation Ceremonies and Speaker, Class Service Project, Senior Class Gift

Section 3

Each class shall have a President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Section 4

In order to facilitate improved intragovernmental communication, the Class Officers and Executive Council shall meet every two months as a congress. Additionally, Class Officers will meet quarterly with the Student Body President.

Section 5

Attendance to State Conferences and Workshops

Order of preference given to available positions: Executive Committee Officers, Class Officers, Student Council Representatives

Section 6

The Principal and Adviser have the authority to appoint from time to time additional [ex officio] member(s) to Student Council for such purposes as filling positions related to special projects and including students who have been selected to serve in local, state, or national leadership positions.

ARTICLE FIVE

Section 1

To be eligible for Student Council office as a rising junior or senior:

- The candidates must have attended Ketchum High School one semester prior to taking office.
- The candidates must be in good academic standing (as defined by the district for participation in school activities) with a conduct record free of suspensions or administrative disciplinary actions.
- Candidates for Student Body Officers must be a member of the rising Senior Class and have previously served, in some capacity, on Student Council at Ketchum High School at least one (1) semester and ended or completed the term of service/office in good standing.

Section 2

During March, each student wishing to run for Student Council must obtain and submit two faculty and two peer recommendations. Recommendation forms are provided by the Student Council Adviser. Each candidate will also be required to complete an application explaining his/her reasons for filing for office and goals if elected and attend a candidates meeting to review campaign rules and ethics.

Section 3

Once the candidates have filed for office, an assembly will be held in which all candidates will deliver prepared speeches. A copy of the candidate's speech must be approved by the Adviser at least two (2) school days prior to the assembly. Each speech should be no shorter than one minute and must not exceed three minutes. A timekeeper will notify candidates when their time has expired. All candidates must follow the guidelines for campaign speeches, included in the candidate materials.

Section 4

On the first Thursday of April, the rising Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes shall vote by secret ballot to see who will fill the Executive Committee offices for the next school year. Seniors are not eligible to vote. Students receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to their designated positions. In the event of a tie, a run-off election will be held the following morning.

Section 5

To be eligible for Student Council Office as a rising sophomore:

- The candidates must be legally enrolled as a student at Ketchum High School.
- The candidates must be in good academic standing (as defined by the district for participation in school activities) with a conduct record free of suspensions or administrative disciplinary actions. The Candidate Filing Period is held annually the last full week of September. Any sophomore wishing to run for class officer must obtain and

submit two teacher and two peer recommendations no later than Monday of the following week. Recommendation forms are provided by the Student Council Adviser. Each candidate will also be required to complete an application explaining his/her reasons for filing for office and goals if elected and attend a candidates meeting to review campaign rules and ethics. All General Election Rules will apply.

Section 6

The exhibiting of inappropriate behaviors or conduct in or outside of Ketchum High School, failure to perform duties to the best of one's ability, and failure to maintain the acceptable academic standard are grounds for impeachment or other disciplinary actions of any member. If a Student Council member is suspended from school or if s/he fails to meet all of the before-mentioned requirements then s/he will be required to appear before the Judicial Committee for a closed official hearing to determine future status.

Section 7

In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Student Council President, the Vice President shall succeed to the office of President. In the event of the vacancy of any other Student Council Officer, the remaining three officers will unanimously choose a replacement from the senior class officials. A special election will then be held, using the election guidelines, to fill the vacant spot. In the event of a vacancy of any class officer, a special election will then be held, using the election guidelines, to fill the vacant spot.

Section 8

Write-in candidates shall be ineligible for election.

Section 9

A copy of the Student Council Constitution will be given to all candidates and will be available on the student council website.

ARTICLE SIX

Section 1

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in writing by any Student Council member.

Section 2

Amendments must be accepted by a two-thirds majority of the Student Council membership.

Section 3

This Constitution will be reviewed by a specially appointed committee every three years. The committee will review and recommend any necessary changes. The committee will consist of three seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores. The Vice President will chair this committee.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Section 1

Student Council meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. The Adviser may at any time call a special meeting. The Student Body President may also call a special meeting with a minimum of one day's notice and approval of the Student Council Adviser.

Proper Parliamentary Procedure shall be followed in the meetings.

Section 2

Attendance at Council meetings is required. Members unable to attend must notify the adviser at least one (1) day prior. Any member having two unexcused absences will be required to meet with the adviser. The member may also be asked to appear before the Judicial Committee in order to determine further disciplinary action or dismissal from the Student Council.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Section 1

During the weeks prior to the Homecoming festivities and game, the Student Council shall work on planning all specifics for activities surrounding the event. Student Council shall be responsible for all traditional and nontraditional activities of Homecoming, both during the school day and after school hours. Events Student Council shall lead include:

- Hallway Decorating Competition—Classes shall each compete to decorate a given area of the class halls. Council selects the theme and Class Officers are responsible for lining up teacher chaperones, class members to work, and materials. Each class must follow the timeline, theme, budget, and behavior rules established by the Council at large. Violations of the rules will result in a Judiciary decision on the selection of winners. Judges from the community shall be selected by the Council to judge the walls in a rank order fashion by class based on following the designated theme, overall look, neatness, color, tastefulness, and conduct of said class as documented by teacher advisers during the week.
- Council shall be responsible for overseeing the election of Miss Warrior and Mr. Warrior for each grade. Each nominee must have an overall GPA of 2.0; must be a member of the class they wish to represent; must have not been suspended in the semester in which they are running; should show a high level of school spirit; and should be of good moral character reflecting school, county, and state guidelines. The representative from each class will be asked to dress up for each selected theme day and the Council will oversee the vote of the crowning of the most spirited Miss Warrior and Mr. Warrior for the semester.
- Council shall select themed days during Homecoming Week where classes shall dress in the clothing and spirit of the Council-designated conceptual fashion. The student attire must follow all school, county, and state rules outlining acceptable student wear. Two adviser-selected Student Council representatives will go door-to-door to record the number of people in each class participating in this activity.
- Council shall host a schoolwide celebration event in the form of a dance, field day, assembly, bonfire, or other activity, which must be approved by the principal. The activity selected must be one to involve the maximum number of students in school spirit surrounding Homecoming and all of its implications.
- Council shall host a pep assembly on the day of the Homecoming Football game in concert with the Band and all fall sports and academic competitions. Students shall sit by class and cheer in a competitive style.
- Council shall tally up in point form all of the class competitive activities during the week to award the Spirit Stick to the class with the "most school spirit" as evidenced by their rank in competitions in Homecoming Week.
- Council shall be responsible for the Homecoming Dance. They shall select the date, contract a DJ, decorate the area designated for the dance, have sign ups for dates from other schools, sell concessions, sell tickets, clean up afterwards, and police the event. The theme and character of the dance shall be the responsibility of the Council. All

Student Council members are expected to attend the dance unless excused by the adviser and principal. The dance shall be open only to KHS students of good standing, meaning those eligible to participate as defined by school district policy.

Section 2

Student Council shall sponsor Student Incentive Programs throughout the school year. Council shall work with the Administration to schedule events, activities, field trips, and any other activity directed by the Faculty, Administration, and the Council itself. Activities can arise from the ranks of Student Council, faculty, Administration, or as the result of a student suggestion. Council shall discuss, vote, and work with the Administration to meet the needs of the Student Body. School dances or any other school wide activity from other school organizations can request the participation and guidance of the council, which will be brought before the entire Council for a vote on Council involvement. The Student Council will strive to sponsor school wide activities that have broad appeal and reach out to the diverse populations within the student body.

Section 3

The Student Council shall be the clearinghouse and representative body of KHS serving as an intermediary agent acting as a liaison between students, faculty, and administration.