

STUDENT  
ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Superintendent's student advisory council, composed of two students from each high school, shall meet at least once every six weeks with the Superintendent and members of the staff to discuss ~~better communication~~ **DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND PROCESSES** ~~between students and the administration. One of the members is selected by the student council; the second shall be a representative of the school newspaper elected by fellow members on the newspaper staff.~~

STUDENT COUNCIL  
OVERVIEW

**A CAMPUS STUDENT COUNCIL WILL OPERATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE A MEANS FOR STUDENT EXPRESSION AND ASSISTANCE IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS AND ACTIVITIES, GIVE STUDENTS LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, AND ENCOURAGE STUDENT, FACULTY, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS.**

**EACH CAMPUS STUDENT COUNCIL WILL HAVE AN ASSIGNED DISTRICT EMPLOYEE WHO WILL SERVE AS THE FACULTY ADVISOR.**

MIDDLE AND HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENT  
COUNCILS

**THROUGH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES, THE DISTRICT'S STUDENT COUNCILS WILL WORK TO PROMOTE CITIZENSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, HUMAN RELATIONS, AND CULTURAL VALUES.**

**THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AT THE DISTRICT MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ARE:**

- 1. TO INITIATE, IMPLEMENT, AND COMPLETE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL BE OF HELP TO THE SCHOOL, THE STUDENTS, THE FACULTY, THE ADMINISTRATION, THE BOARD, AND THE COMMUNITY.**
- 2. TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY.**
- 3. TO ENCOURAGE PERSONAL GROWTH OF LEADERS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT, STATE, AND NATIONAL MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATIONS.**
- 4. TO PROVIDE A LIVING WORKSHOP OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES, THROUGH SUCH ACTIVITIES AS ELECTIONS, PARTICIPATION IN A CONSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, ETC.**
- 5. TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES OF STUDENTS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOL, WITH WIDENED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES, AND WITH MORE DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZING AND IMPLEMENTING ACTIVITIES.**
- 6. TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.**

7. TO PROMOTE AN AWARENESS OF HUMAN RELATIONS, OF POWER STRUCTURES, AND HOW ONE EFFECTIVELY OPERATES WITHIN THEM. THESE OBJECTIVES ARE REALISTICALLY APPROACHED THROUGH INCREASING AV- ENUES OF COOPERATION AMONG THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS.
8. TO PROVIDE A VIABLE MEANS FOR STUDENT EXPRESSION AND AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF SELF-DIRECTION.
9. TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AND WITHIN GROUPS THROUGH INTERACTION AND COMMUNICATIONS.
10. TO DEVELOP STUDENT POTENTIAL AND ENCOURAGE A WELL-INFORMED, HONEST, INTERESTED, AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP.
11. TO DEVELOP NOT ONLY LEADERSHIP ABILITIES WITHIN THE YOUTH OF TO- DAY, BUT ALSO LEADERSHIP FOR THE COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION OF TOMORROW. IN THIS PROCESS, IT IS ALSO THE OBJECTIVE TO DEVELOP AN AWARENESS OF GOOD LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, HOPEFULLY, FOR A MORE INFORMED, CONCERNED, AND ACTIVE CITIZENRY OF TOMORROW.
12. TO INCREASE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND SCHOOL PRIDE.

**FACULTY ADVISOR**

THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPOINTING A FACULTY ADVISOR FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL AT HIS OR HER CAMPUS.

**CONSTITUTION**

AT EACH MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL, THE FACULTY ADVISOR WILL DEVELOP A STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS. THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE FROM THE PRINCIPAL. THE CONSTITUTION WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- PREAMBLE
- NAME
- PURPOSE
- MEMBERSHIP
- MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES
- OFFICERS
- ELECTIONS
- COMMITTEES
- BYLAWS
- AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

- **RATIFICATION**
- **CONSTITUTIONAL  
CLARIFICATIONS**

**APPROVAL AND  
VETO  
AUTHORITY**

**THE PRINCIPAL HAS APPROVAL AND VETO AUTHORITY OVER ANY PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, PROPOSALS, OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL.**

**DOCUMENTATION  
AND BUDGET**

**THE FACULTY ADVISOR AT EACH CAMPUS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION AND ITS ACCURACY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISTRICT FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, THE ADVISOR WILL ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR APPROVAL BY THE PRINCIPAL THAT ITEMIZES PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURES AND ADDRESSES FUNDRAISING.**

**MEETINGS**

**THE FACULTY ADVISOR OR DESIGNEE AT EACH CAMPUS WILL ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND WILL COMMUNICATE AND COLLABORATE WITH THE PRINCIPAL. ALL MEETINGS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEES WILL BE HELD AT A SCHOOL CAMPUS, UNLESS APPROVAL TO MEET AT ANOTHER LOCATION IS OBTAINED FROM THE PRINCIPAL.**

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<sup>1</sup> Texas Association of Student Councils: <https://www.tasconline.org>