

Mountain View High School Constitution

We, the students of Mountain View High School, in order to establish a representative form of government, encourage good school citizenship, promote student and faculty cooperation, foster a common interest in school activities, and assure for ourselves and for our succeeding classes a responsibility for the welfare and good order of the school, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Mountain View High School of Mountain View, Wyoming.

Article I: ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - Name

1. This organization shall be recognized as the Students of Mountain View High School.
2. The motto of Mountain View High School shall be "A Tradition of Pride."
3. The official emblem of Mountain View High School shall be the Buffalo.
4. The colors of Mountain View High School shall be Purple, Black, and White.

Section 2 - Purpose

1. To unify all organizations.
2. To aid the internal administration of the school and clubs.
3. To promote general activities in the school.
4. To develop in the student a growing appreciation for membership in a democracy; of providing the education responsibilities of, and privileges of participating in, such a democracy for a school.
5. To promote in all ways, the best interest of the school.

Article II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Student Body Membership

1. All students enrolled in Mountain View High School are members of the MVHS Student Body.

Section 2 - Student Council Membership

1. The Student Council shall represent the school Student Body of the high school. The council will consist of:
 - a. The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, and Student Board Representative(s) over the entire Student Body.
 - b. Each class's (Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman) elected President, Vice President, and Secretary.
 - c. Each class's (Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman) representative (one) appointed by the Student Council Advisor.
2. There will be one advisor over student council, appointed by Mountain View High School principal.

Article III: OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Section 1 - Duties of Student Council Members

1. The President shall:
 - a. Be the 'voice' of the Student Council by leading assemblies, accepting awards, and representing the Student Council and/or Student Body of Mountain View High School.
 - b. Lead all student council meetings according to proper parliamentary procedure.
 - c. Call extra meetings when necessary.
 - d. Appoint all minor committees not appointed by the council.
 - e. Oversee all committees.
 - f. Exhibit a positive attitude and relationship with students, staff, and administration.

2. The Vice President shall:
 - a. Preside at all Student Council meetings when the President is absent. Assume the President's responsibility if the President is unable to fulfill their duties.
 - b. Act as Secretary or Treasurer if the Secretary or Treasurer is absent and the President is present.
 - c. The Vice President, with one Student Council, member shall change the marquee regularly and when necessary.
 - d. Oversee all committees.

3. The Secretary shall:
 - a. Take minutes of every council meeting held and keep them on record for future reference.
 - b. Post a typewritten copy of each meeting of the Student Council upon the whiteboard no later than the following meeting.
 - c. Send correspondence involving school/Student Council business
 - d. Keep the Student Council webpage up to date.
 - e. Keep track of WASC Honor Council book and history.

4. The Treasurer shall:
 - a. Keep records of the account balances of the Student Council.
 - b. Determine when it is necessary to start fundraising for future events.
 - c. Keep track of student council spending.

5. The School Board Representative(s) shall:
 - a. Be the 'voice' of the students
 - b. Attend all school board meetings and take notes on what is discussed and present them in front of the student council each month.

6. The Class Officers shall:
 - a. Carry out duties specific to each class including, but not limited to: fundraising, homecoming floats and activities, prom (juniors), and graduation (seniors).

7. All members of the Student Council shall:
 - a. Abide by all policies and regulations in the Mountain View High School handbook.

Section 2 - Organization and Elections:

1. The election of Student Body officers for the following academic year will be held the week before the senior awards night, with winners being announced at the senior awards night.
2. Only current or past Student Council members are eligible to run for Student Body office.
3. Anyone from a class can run for Class Officer of that class.
4. All MVHS students, except for seniors, can vote in Student Body elections. Eighth graders can also vote.
5. Only members of each class can vote for their respective Class Officers.
6. All voting will be done electronically, through school email.
7. Candidates must have support of at least 10 classmates, as demonstrated by their signatures on the candidate filing form.

Section 3 - Removal of Officers:

1. Student Council members can have up to 3 "strikes" which are earned when their GPA drops below a 2.5 in a single academic year. Eligibility will be determined by the activity handbook. Extenuating circumstances that do not count as a "strike" can be determined by Student Council Adviser.
2. Consistent with the MVHS Student Handbook, Student Council members will be unable to participate in Student Council for 30 school days after a major violation, as determined by MVHS administrators. Student Council members will be removed from office and not allowed to participate for one calendar year after two strikes of major violations, as determined by MVHS administrators.

ARTICLE V: EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS:

Section 1 - Requirements:

1. There must be at least 5 active members.
2. The club must meet at least 3 times each semester.
3. To begin a club, a petition will need to be signed by a minimum of 20 people. Those 20 signatures must be outside of the founding club members, and can include high school classmates and community members as long as they are not related to a club member.
4. Each club must have a faculty advisor.
 - a. The faculty advisor must attend 2 meetings a semester
 - b. The building of Mountain View High School will provide meeting location if needed, but the faculty advisor must be present in order to use the building.
5. There must be a President. Other officers are optional.
 - a. Each club can decide the officials they select and how they select them.
 - i. Options of offices are: Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Vice President, etc.
6. Clubs, if traveling, are required to provide their own funding.
7. Club members are required to follow the Code of Conduct found in the Mountain View High School Handbook. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the club from Mountain View High School.
8. All extra-curricular clubs already established at MVHS at the time of the adoption of this constitution are exempt from the above requirements. This includes: FFA, FCCLA, Art Underground, SHARC, NHS, Yearbook, ICARE, FCA, FOR, and Jazz Band.

ARTICLE VI: RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1 - Ratifying and Amending the Constitution:

1. The Constitution will be ratified by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote by the Mountain View High School Student Council.
2. This Constitution may be amended by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote by the Mountain View High School Student Council.
3. This Constitution shall go into effect beginning from the moment the document is ratified. The provisions of this Constitution will guide MVHS elections for the following school years.
4. Upon ratification, this Constitution will be the official operational document of the Mountain View High School Student Body and Student Council.
5. This Constitution shall serve as both the empowerment instrument and as the guideline for the Student Council of Mountain View High School.

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