



**Star Academy for the Gifted and Talented Student Council
Constitution and Responsibilities**

Preamble

We, the students of the Star Academy for the Gifted and Talented, in recognition of the need for a functional, fair, and representative student government, hereby commit to upholding the principles, policies, and practices outlined in this constitution.

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Official Name

The official name of this organization shall be the Star Academy for the Gifted and Talented Student Council.

Section 2: Acronym

For convenience, the council may also be referred to as Star Academy Student Council.

Section 3: Purpose

The Council aims to:

- Represent the voices and interests of the student body in discussions with the school administration.
- Foster a sense of community by organizing school-wide events.
- Promote academic excellence and community service.
- Serve as a forum for the resolution of student concerns.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership is open to students from grade levels 6 through 12 who are currently enrolled at Star Academy.

Section 2: Composition

The Student Council will consist of Executive Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and Grade Representatives from each grade level 6-12.

Section 3: Disqualification

Members may be disqualified for failing to maintain academic standards or for violating the school's code of conduct.

Section 4: Resignation

Members wishing to resign must notify the Council in writing two weeks prior to their departure.

Article III: Duties and Responsibilities

Section 1: Executive Roles

- **President:** Oversees all Council activities and serves as the primary liaison between the Council, the student body, and the school administration.
- **Vice-President:** Assists the President in their duties and fills in for the President in their absence.
- **Secretary:** Responsible for maintaining all Council records, including meeting minutes and official correspondences.
- **Treasurer:** Manages the Council's budget and keeps detailed financial records.

Section 2: Grade Representatives

- Act as the voice of their respective grade levels.
- Help in organizing Council events and activities.

Section 3: Committees

- Committees will be formed to focus on specific tasks, such as organizing events or maintaining the Council's website.

Article IV: Elections

Section 1: Timing

Elections will be held annually during the second week of September.

Section 2: Election Committee

An Election Committee of three members will be appointed one month before the elections.

These members cannot run in the election and are responsible for overseeing the process.

Section 3: Candidate Eligibility

Students from grade 8 and above are eligible to run for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 4: Nomination Procedure

Candidates must submit a nomination form, signed by at least ten peers, to the Election Committee.

Section 5: Campaigning

Campaigning will commence one week before the election day and must adhere to school guidelines.

Section 6: Voting Procedure

Voting will occur through secret ballots, and voting booths will be overseen by the Election Committee.

Section 7: Vote Counting

The Election Committee is responsible for counting the votes and announcing the results within 48 hours.

Section 8: Term Length

All elected positions are for a one-year term, effective from October 1 to September 30 of the following year.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1: Frequency

- Regular meetings will be held twice a month.
- Special meetings may be called when needed.

Section 2: Agenda

- An agenda for each meeting will be circulated at least 48 hours in advance.

Section 3: Quorum

- A quorum is required for any official Council decisions and is defined as over half of the total Council membership.

Section 4: Decision Making

- Decisions will be made by a majority vote unless otherwise specified.

Article VI: Amendments

- Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- Amendments require a two-thirds majority to be adopted.

Article VII: Committees

Section 1: General Provisions

The establishment of committees is intended to facilitate the operations of the Student Council by dividing its broad range of responsibilities among specialized groups. All committees report to the Student Council and operate under its jurisdiction.

Section 2: Permanent Committees

2.1 Activities Committee

The Activities Committee shall aim to organize at least one social activity per quarter for the students. This includes but is not limited to dances, talent shows, and themed parties.

2.2 Communications and Publicity Committee

This committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Student Council website and bulletin board. It is also responsible for coordinating the advertisement of all Student Council events, both online and offline.

2.3 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for organizing fundraising events and activities for the Student Council. They will work closely with the Treasurer to set fundraising goals and report financial statuses.

2.4 Elections Committee

The Elections Committee is responsible for conducting elections in accordance with the election procedures detailed in Article IV.

Section 3: Committee Chairpersons

3.1 Appointment

The President, with the approval of a majority of the council members, shall appoint the chairpersons of all committees.

3.2 Eligibility

Chairpersons must be active members of the Student Council but cannot be Executive Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer).

3.3 Responsibilities

Chairpersons are responsible for leading their respective committees, organizing committee meetings, and providing updates to the Student Council.

3.4 Tenure

The Chairpersons shall serve for a period of one academic year, coinciding with the general Student Council term from October 1 to September 30 of the following year.

3.5 Removal

A chairperson can be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Council, followed by approval from the school administration.

Section 4: Committee Membership

4.1 Eligibility

Regular committee members can be students from grade 6 and above.

4.2 Appointment

The decision to include a student as a regular member of a specific committee lies with the chairperson of that committee.

4.3 Responsibilities

Regular committee members are expected to actively participate in committee activities, attend meetings as required, and adhere to the committee's objectives and guidelines.

Article VIII: Vote of No Confidence

Section 1: Initiation

A vote of no confidence against the President may be initiated by any member of the Student Council. The proposal for a vote of no confidence must be formally submitted in writing and must specify the reasons for the motion.

Section 2: Grounds for Motion

A vote of no confidence can only be initiated on the grounds of an act that tarnishes the honor and dignity of the position, such as misuse of power, violation of this constitution, or other actions deemed highly inappropriate.

Section 3: Voting Procedure

The motion for a vote of no confidence shall be discussed and voted upon during a special meeting called for this specific purpose. A minimum of two-thirds of the total Student Council must vote in favor for the motion to pass.

Section 4: Outcome

If the motion passes, the President will be stripped of all powers and responsibilities with immediate effect. The Vice-President will assume the role and responsibilities of the President for the remainder of the term until the next scheduled elections.

Article IX: Ratification

- This constitution takes effect upon a majority vote from the Student Council and after review and approval by the school administration.

Article X: Transitional Period and Special Provisions for the 2023/2024 School Year

Section 1: Initial Establishment

Given that the Student Council is being established for the first time in the school year 2023/2024, certain transitional measures will be implemented to facilitate a smooth and efficient inauguration of the Council.

Section 2: Special Election Date for 2023/2024

For the school year 2023/2024, elections for the Student Council will deviate from the regular schedule outlined in Article IV and will take place in October.

Section 3: Temporary Election Committee for 2023/2024

3.1 Composition

The Election Committee for the school year 2023/2024 will consist of three students appointed by the school administration.

3.2 Powers and Responsibilities

The appointed Election Committee will assume full responsibility for managing the election process, including but not limited to candidate nominations, campaign oversight, and voting procedures.

3.3 Tenure

The tenure of this temporary Election Committee will terminate upon the appointment of an elected Election Committee Chairperson after the 2023/2024 elections.

Section 4: Cessation of Transitional Measures

These transitional provisions are considered temporary and will cease to apply after the appointment of an elected Election Committee Chairperson in the school year 2023/2024. From that point onward, all election procedures will be carried out as described in Article IV.