

Tanglewood Middle School Student Council Constitution

ARTICLE I: APPELLATION

The name of this organization is the Tanglewood Middle School Student Council.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES/PURPOSE

The objective and purpose of the Student Council shall be to:

- a. Represent the students of Tanglewood Middle School*
- b. Voice the concerns and perspectives of the student body.*
- c. Unify the student body through social activities and community service opportunities.*

ARTICLE III: AUTHORITY

Section 1 All powers of the Student Council are delegated to it by the school administration.

Section 2 All actions of the Student Council are subject to review, and possible veto, by the principal.

Section 3 The principal shall appoint a member of the faculty as an advisor to aid the Student Council in its activities and projects.

Section 4 In order to modify rules and regulations involving the student body, faculty, administration, and staff, the student body President and/or Vice President must bring the consensus of the Student Council to the principal, vice principal and SDMC

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 The council shall consist of registered student members of Tanglewood Middle School: an elected President and Vice President, three representatives from each TMS World community.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1 The elected officers shall be President, Vice President. These officers shall serve on the Shared Decision Making Committee.

Section 2 Each TMS world community shall be represented by three selected representatives.

Section 3 Each TMS Council member will serve on at least one committee

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Section 1 *President/Vice President:*

- a. *Conduct and chair Student Council meetings.*
- b. *Represent the TMS student body when appropriate*
- c. *Set agenda and maintain parliamentary procedure for Student Council meetings*
- d. *Attend monthly Shared Decision Making Committee meetings.*
- e. *Attend weekly meetings with the council facilitator .*

Section 2 *Each council representative shall:*

- a. *Attend all Student Council meetings as a voting member*
- b. *Co-chair at least one TMS Student Council committee.*
- c. *Provide minutes from all meetings and School Committee meetings for the Student Council*

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY STATUS

Section 1 *Each Student Council will hold annual elections to elect a President and Vice President.*

Section 2 *In order to be eligible for any student government position, a student shall have maintain good academic standing of a B or higher average from all courses and maintain an E or S in every class.*

Section 3 *If a representative fails to maintain the academic or behavioral standards established in Article VII, Section 2, that representative will be placed in probationary status until the next six weeks cycle has been completed and academic and social standards have been met.*

Section 4 *Representatives on probationary status will not be able to vote or offer up proposals during the period of their probationary status.*

Section 5 *If a serving representative is suspended from school they will be placed on probationary status for three weeks.*

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1 *The Student Council shall meet for business during the assigned enrichment periods.*

Section 2 *Additional meetings may be called by the President, the principal, the Student Council advisor, or by written request of ten members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the proposal. Adequate notice is required for a special meeting.*

ARTICLE IX: VOTING PROCEDURE

Section 1 *In order to conduct any formal vote, there must be quorum of at least two-thirds of the voting members present. If a quorum is not present, the vote shall be tabled to the first order of business of the next meeting where a quorum is present.*

Section 2 *Each elected member of the Student Council, including members of the Student Council, Principal's Advisory Council, and student members of School Council, is entitled to one vote, excluding the co-presidents.*

Section 3 *In the event of a tie, the President and Vice President may cast one vote together to break the tie. This decision shall stand.*

Section 4 *If the council cannot reach a unified decision, the vote shall be tabled until it can be retaken at the following meeting, set as the first order of business on the agenda.*

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1 *The Student Council shall maintain four standing committees.*

Section 2 *Upon election to the Student Council, every representative shall choose at least one committees of which to be a member.*

Section 3 *At the beginning of each school year the representatives from each grade shall meet to appoint members to each standing committee. There shall be at least one representative from each grade on each standing committee.*

Section 4 *Once the standing committees have been assembled, the members of each standing committee shall elect within themselves one representative to the position of chair.*

Section 5 *Each standing committee shall be responsible for meeting on its own in order to conduct committee business. The committee is responsible for preparing an oral presentation, which may be accompanied by a supplementary handout, for its assigned full Student Council meeting. The presentation must answer the following questions: What projects are being planned? How will they be executed?*

Section 6 The four standing committees shall include the following:

I. COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

- The Community Service Committee will partner with students and faculty to promote and execute service opportunities within the TMS and neighboring community.*

II. ACTION COMMITTEE

- The Action Committee will work to identify and promote school policies that better serve and represent the student body and their concerns.*

III. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- The Public Relations Committee will serve to give a voice to the student body and share council activities through social media, school announcements and website design.*

IV. LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

- The Leadership Committee serves to promote a positive school culture by working collaboratively with faculty and students to promote high academic and personal achievement for the student body.*