

# **Little Cypress Junior High Student Council Constitution**

We the students of Little Cypress Junior High School, in order to develop student responsibility, initiative, leadership, and school pride, to provide for student expression, and to promote the welfare of the school through proper student/faculty relationships do ordain and establish this Constitution.

## **Article I: Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Little Cypress Junior High Student Council.

## **Article II: Aims and Objectives**

The aims and objectives of the Student Council shall be:

- A. To provide a means of creating better organization, fellowship, and understanding between faculty and students.
- B. To encourage harmony throughout the school
- C. To continually work for the betterment of the school and community
- D. To encourage student participation in school activities.
- E. To represent the schools system respectfully and beneficially at every level.

## **Article III: Membership**

### **Section I:**

All Student Council Officers shall be members.

### **Section II:**

Every grade has the right to elect three representatives which shall:

1. Have at least a "C" average in every class at the time of elections;
2. Must have been active the year elected
3. Must attend Fall and Spring Convention unless excused by the sponsor(s).
4. Attend all meetings unless excused by the sponsor(s).

### **Section V:**

To be eligible for membership, students must have a "C" average or higher and receive no discipline referrals or "N"s or "U"s in conduct during the first 6 weeks of the school year.

## **Article IV: Election of officers and representatives**

### Section I:

All officers shall be elected by the Student body, grades 6-8, in the spring for the term preceding that which they intend to hold.

### Section II: Requirements for Office

1. The President shall have been a representative, active in Student Council 2 or more years and must be from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.
2. The Vice President shall come from the present 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, active in Student Council at least 1 year and be presently active in Student Council.
3. The Secretary shall come from the present 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, active in Student Council at least 1 year and be presently active in Student Council.
4. The Treasurer shall come from the present 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, active in Student Council at least 1 year and be presently active in Student Council.
5. All candidates running for office must have passing grades for the six weeks before the election and current passing grades in every class.
6. All candidates running for office must not have any discipline referrals.
7. All candidates running for office must demonstrate his/her ability to make a speech. (If he/she refuses to make a speech, he/she becomes disqualified for office.)
8. Once a student has signed up to campaign for an office, that student may not delete their name from that office to run for a different office.
9. Each Student Council officer must realize the commitment he/she makes to the school and the student body. **The officers' responsibilities will take precedence over other activities. Officers may only hold a major office in other organizations with approval from sponsors of both organization.**
10. Officers will meet as the sponsor calls a meeting.

### Section III:

Representatives shall be elected the first meeting of the year they will serve.

### Section IV: Election Procedures for Officers

1. Officers must sign up to run for office. Grades and discipline will be checked by the sponsor(s).
2. All candidates for office must actively campaign for office. (Rules for campaigning for office will be given at a mandatory meeting to be scheduled by the sponsors. Campaign rules must be followed in order to remain on the ballot.)
3. Those not qualified will be eliminated.

## **Article V: Meetings**

The Little Cypress Junior High Student Council shall meet twice a month (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month) or as called by the Sponsor(s). All members are expected to attend. If a member accumulates 3 unexcused absences from meetings within the year,

they will be dismissed from LCJH Student Council.

## **Article VI: Duties and Responsibilities of Members**

Section I: The President shall:

1. Preside over all meetings of the Student Council.
2. Develop and prepare agenda for meetings.
3. Be responsible for carrying out the purpose of the Student Council.
4. Exercise all power and authority pertaining to the office.

Section II: The Vice President shall:

1. Preside in the absence of the President
2. Serve as President in the event that the President is unable to fulfill his/her elected term.
3. Assist the president
4. Serve as parliamentarian.
5. Check roll at Student Council meetings and maintain accurate attendance records.

Section IV: The Treasurer shall:

1. Keep a financial record of the Student Council.
2. Make a financial report at every meeting.
3. Keep up with Student Council expenditures.

Section V: The Secretary shall:

1. Record the minutes of all meetings of the Student Council.
2. Keep a record of all business.
3. Correspond for the Student Council.

Section VII: Representatives shall:

1. Represent their class's ideas to the best of their abilities
2. Attend all meetings.

## **Article VII: Removal of Members and Officers**

Section I: Students in this organization should strive to maintain satisfactory grades in conduct and in each individual subject for each grade-reporting period. If one fails to do so, the following guidelines apply.

Subject Grades - If a member receives a grade less than 70 during a six-week grading period he will be placed on probation. Any subsequent grade below 70 during the school year will result in dismissal from the organization.

Conduct -

1. Probation = one or more referrals during a reporting period.

2. Probation = Unsatisfactory (U) in conduct.
3. Dismissal = any unsatisfactory conduct grade or referral during any reporting period occurring after a member has been placed on probation.
4. Dismissal = 3 unexcused absences from meetings during the year
5. An officer may be dismissed from office for failure to perform designated duties.

## **Article VIII: Extra Curricular Participation**

### Section I:

It is a privilege to participate in any extra curricular activity (this includes any activity sponsored by the school) at Little Cypress Junior High. We expect those who *choose* to do so, understand that they will be representing their organization, the school, and the community at **all times**. As a result, members will be expected to behave appropriately whether or not they are representing the school in an official capacity.

## **Article IX: Points**

### Section I:

Members will receive points based upon their attendance and participation in the Student Council. The point system is as follows:

Attending Meetings.....	1
Projects.....	1-10
Grades for Core Curriculum classes. (Math, Science, English, History)	
1 100.....	5
2 90-99 .....	4
3 80-89 .....	3
Attend Fall Convention.....	20
Attend Spring Convention .....	20

## **Article X: Field Trips**

In order to be eligible for field trips, members must gain a specific amount of points.

### Section I: Fall Convention

In order to be eligible to attend fall convention, members must have 10 points.

### Section II: Spring Convention

In order to be eligible to attend spring convention, members must have 50 points, attend fall convention.

### Section III: End of Year Field Trip

In order to be eligible to attend the End of Year field trip, members must have 100 points.