

# FORRESTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL



HANDBOOK 2023-24

# CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF FORRESTON HIGH SCHOOL

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## PREAMBLE

As the Student Council of Forreston High School, in order to develop democratic ideals; to promote the representation of the student body in the administration of extracurricular activities; to encourage close cooperation among students and faculty; and to maintain high standards of cooperation, loyalty, and school spirit, establish this Constitution for the Student Council of Forreston High School.

## ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this Organization shall be the Student Council of Forreston High School.

## ARTICLE II – Membership

Section I. The Student Council shall consist of a faculty advisor and an open membership with members of an Executive Board.

Section II. All Student Council Members must be enrolled in Forreston High School and must maintain passing work in all subjects or must be suspended as a student council member until the said grades are at passing level. If a student is caught with alcohol or drugs the student will be removed from their position in Student Council. If a student is continuously being a discipline problem he or she may also be removed from Student Council.

Section III. All members shall begin their term at the beginning of the school year.

Section IV. Any candidate for district or state student council office must be a member in good standing of this council. This shall be determined by the Executive Board. If there are two interested candidates, the Executive Board shall make the decision of who should run. The member in question of both the above shall not be included while the Executive Board discusses. Any member who becomes a district or state officer is automatically a member of the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE III – Elections

Section I. All classes will elect 5 representatives to be a member of the student council.

Section II. The officers will be based off of who had the most votes in the Executive Board election.

### ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section I. The officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The officers, along with the advisor and any District or State Officers on Council shall make up the Executive Board.

Section II. Qualifications for the officers shall be:

President: A senior who has the most votes from the high school student body.

Vice-President: A senior or junior who has the most votes from the student body.

Treasurer: A senior or junior who has the most votes from the student body.

Secretary: A senior or junior who has the most votes from the student body.

Section III. Officers are required to attend all activities sponsored by the council.

### ARTICLE V – Duties

Section I. The duties of the President of the Council shall be to preside over all meetings of the council, preside over all meetings of the Executive Board, to appoint all committees when necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the council, to call special meetings when needed, and to work with the advisor to remain aware of all aspects of the council.

Section II. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to serve as successor to the President if he or she is absent or resigns from his or her position.

Section III. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep an accurate account of all the meetings of the council and the Executive Board. He or she shall take roll at every meeting. He or she will notify members of special meetings.

Section IV. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to maintain an accurate record of the Student Council's finances and to monitor our spending.

## ARTICLE VI – Meetings

Section I. The council shall meet as needed.

Section II. Special meetings may be called by the President, the Advisor, the Principal, or a majority of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VII – Powers

Section I. This Student Council shall have the power, by the majority of its members and the sanction of the advisor and principal to:

- A. Plan any worthwhile project for the school
- B. Conduct special assemblies
- C. Sponsor and promote social functions for the student body
- D. Supervise council elections for members and officers
- E. Participate in moneymaking projects to raise funds needed to carryout the goals of the Student Council
- F. Plan and Sponsor Spirit Week for Homecoming

Section II. If, for any reason, a Student Council Representative is not fulfilling his or her duties or in any way has proceeded with an action, which will offend the council, the Executive Board has the right to review, and with the approval of the council as a whole, dismiss a member.

Section III. All actions and decisions made by the council shall be made with the knowledge and approval of the Advisor and the Principal. A veto by either is final and no matters shall be carried over the veto.

## ARTICLE VIII – Amendments

Section I. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the council by two-thirds majority vote of all members.

Section II. All proposed amendments must be written in a formal proposition. A member of council must introduce them. No amendments shall be acted upon until the next regular meeting.

Section III. No amendment will be considered effective and binding until approved by the advisor and the principal.

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I understand what I have read and agree to the terms stated above.

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Student Council Member/Date