

STUDENT COUNCIL
ST. MARY MIDDLE SCHOOL – MCES
Monroe, Michigan

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Mission Statement

We, the elected representatives of St. Mary Middle School, will do everything in our power to represent the students of our school, to uphold all school rules, to form a bridge between faculty and students, and provide a guidepost for our fellow classmates.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Council of St. Mary Middle School is:

1. To maintain strong faith and commitment in service to God;
2. To bring about closer cooperation between the faculty and the student body as representatives of each homeroom;
3. To cooperate with the administration with problems concerning the school and the student body;
4. To promote in each good citizenship based on democratic processes;
5. To create and maintain school interest, school spirit, and loyalty;
6. To provide a forum for student concerns.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1:

Description: Each Grade (5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th) will be represented at Council by representatives from their homeroom classes. Two (2) Representatives will be elected in each homeroom class by their fellow classmates. For the first session (2021-22 school year), representatives will be elected in late November. In subsequent sessions, representatives will be elected in late August.

Section 2:

Qualifications for Membership: All representatives of the Student Council must have and maintain a 72% or above in all classes. The representative should exhibit the willingness to work and a desire for the organization to succeed. The representative should practice good citizenship, scholarship, and leadership. Candidates must have their application

signed by their homeroom teacher.

Section 3:

Election of Members: Students interested in being a candidate for the position of representative in Student Council will file a petition- provided by their homeroom teacher- with the Student Council faculty advisor/s. Petitions will be made available, personal statements will be delivered and elections will take place in the homeroom. Votes will be counted by homeroom teachers and reported to the faculty advisor/s by the end of the school day on election day.

*Candidates interested in presenting their ideas for student council will be given an opportunity to address their homeroom class, and may attempt to persuade their classmates to vote for them. This address should be limited to 2 minutes.

Campaigns will remain positive.

Section 4:

Meeting Attendance: Representatives will be required to attend every meeting of the Council. Meetings will be held during lunch weekly. Students who miss a meeting without a valid excuse will be put on probation, and will be removed from their post after two unexcused absences.

ARTICLE IV

Organization

Section 1:

Officers: Student Council will be made up of the following:

8th Grade Representatives will hold the posts of: President, Treasurer, Secretary, and General Assembly

7th Grade Representatives will hold the post of: Vice President and General Assembly

6th Grade Representatives will hold the post of: Vice President and General Assembly

5th Grade Representatives will hold the post of: General Assembly

Officers will hold their term for one school year.

Section 2:

Selection of Officers: Officers will be selected from the elected representatives of the homeroom classes. At the first meeting of the newly elected Student Council, representatives will voice their interest in obtaining a position by filling out an Officer nomination form. Officers will be selected by a faculty committee based on character, citizenship and their nomination form answers.

ARTICLE V

Meeting Format

Meetings will be held on Thursdays during lunch time in a faculty advisor's classroom.

Meetings will be student led and minutes will be taken by the secretary. The student council bulletin board will have important information and dates that are important to members and should be checked often.

ARTICLE VI

Dismissal of Members

Should a student miss more than three meetings they will be removed from the Student Council. Should a student have any class grade fall below 72%, they will have one week to bring it back up. If the representative fails to do so, they will be removed from Student Council.

ARTICLE VII

Vacancies

Should a vacancy of office materialize, the seat will be filled by a nomination process of interested candidates, and a special election in the homeroom class affected. The student removed from office is ineligible to run for the vacancy.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Once Student Council has been gavelled into session, and officers have been selected, representatives will enter into committees to address a variety of issues. These issues will be determined by the Council and approved by the Faculty Advisor. Committees will be required to develop a mission statement and keep a folder of minutes and notes on the progress of their issue. Should a committee fail to maintain their task, the committee will be dissolved.

ARTICLE IX

Adoption and Amendments

This constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council and approved by the Executive Principal and Assistant Principal.

Any Student Council Representative, faculty member, or administrator may propose an amendment to this constitution. It must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council and approved by the Executive Principal and Assistant Principal.

