

**DISTRICT 4/19 Middle Level Constitution
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS**

Preamble

We, the members of the middle level Student Councils of Districts 4/19 of the Texas Association of Student Councils, in order to promote democratic ideals and principles of government of the youth of today, to encourage provisions for the full development of the individual in our democracy, to further the organization of the student councils in this district, and to foster more cordial relations among the schools, do organize ourselves under the following constitution and bylaws.

Article I

Name

The name of the organization shall be District 4/19 Middle Level of the Texas Association of Student Councils.

Article II

Aims and Objectives

- Section 1** To promote friendship and cooperation among member schools
- Section 2** To serve as a deliberation and discussion medium for its members
- Section 3** To provide a means of arbitration for inter-school problems concerning student council
- Section 4** To assist in the development of student leaders through leadership training and advisor support

Article III

Membership

- Section 1** The district shall include all middle/junior high schools in Districts 4/19 that should apply for membership and be approved by the Districts 4/19 Executive Board and the executive secretary for the Texas Association of Student Councils.
- Section 2** Schools that pay the membership fee by August 31 of the current school year shall be considered members for that year beginning September 1. Fees shall be payable to TASC along with state dues. Unpaid members will not be allowed to vote.
- Section 3** There shall be one vote per delegate, not to exceed **4** votes per school.

Article IV

Parliamentary Authority

- Section 1** Parliamentary authority for this organization shall be *Robert's Rules of Order*.
- Section 2** The president school of the district is an individual and will have a vote in the case of a tie on floor matters, except in elections. The Executive Board shall decide in case of an election tie after a run-off.
- Section 3** A quorum for this district shall be a simple majority of the member schools present

Article V

Officers

Section 1

The school officers of this organization shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President/Parliamentarian
- C. Secretary
- D. District Advisor (a past president of this organization)

Section 2

- A. Duties of the **President School** of the Association are:
 - 1. To preside at all meetings of District 4/19
 - 2. To establish committees within District 4/19 if necessary
 - 3. To communicate with the host school and Executive Board in planning an orderly and educational meeting
 - 4. To set the date and sponsor meeting for state reports to be due to the district for mailing to state competition. (March)
 - 5. To mail verification information to state
 - 6. To organize and host a district meeting/workshop in the spring (Spring Forum).
 - Call Roll
 - Announce outstanding council awards
 - Lead business meeting
 - Provide lunch for students and sponsors
 - Send registration for forum (contact secretary)
 - Provide speaker
 - 7. To determine the need and organize trainings as necessary
 - 8. To communicate with prospective councils.

Section 3

- A. Duties of the **Vice President School** of the Association are:
 - 1. To preside in the event the president school is unable to do so
 - 2. To attend the meetings of the Executive Board and District 4/19 meetings.
 - 3. To receive applications for candidacy
 - 4. To act as Parliamentarian at meetings
 - 5. To assist the president school in communication with prospective councils.

6. To organize and host the Fall Forum (October)
 - Provide facilities and food
7. To announce door prizes at Spring Forum
8. To receive, certify, and publicize proposed amendments to the District 4/19 constitution and by-laws.

Section 4

- A. Duties of the **Secretary School** of the Association are:
1. To attend the meetings of the Executive Board and District 4/19 meetings.
 2. Support and assist the President School
 3. Assist with Spring Forum
 - a. To set up a registration table
 - b. To prepare a packet for each school containing all the information for the forum
 - name tags
 - programs (work with President)
 - lunch tickets
 - paid receipts
 - c. To collect door prizes
 4. To count all votes and certify amendments and by-laws

Section 5

- A. Duties of the **District Coordinator** of the Association are:
1. To attend all Executive Board meetings and District 4/19 meetings.
 2. To be available to assist in any task requested by the president school
 3. To host/provide Advisor Training (September)

Article VI

Election of Officers

Section 1

- A. Nominations for district office shall be presented in writing, including written permission of the principal by each school to the vice principal school at a

- time prior to the district meeting designated by the president school.
- B. Nominees shall be designated by names of schools, not by individuals. Local schools may be free to choose whomever they see fit to hold the office.
 - C. The vice president school will forward nominations to the president school.

Section 2

To run for office, a school must be a member of the TASC and of District 4/19.

Section 3

No school shall be eligible to hold more than one office at a time

Section 4

- A. Election of officers shall be held at the Spring Forum.
- B. Each candidate school must present a skit that serves as a platform of their campaign. If a school is running for an office unopposed they may opt out of performing a skit
- C. No campaign may be used that might deface, damage, or attach to stage.
- D. No nomination shall be accepted from the floor at the Spring Forum.
- E. The nominating schools will determine the nominating speaker. The nominating speaker will have no more than (1) minute speaking time.
- F. The candidate school shall determine the acceptance speaker, who will have no more than (1) minute of campaign time to make an acceptance speech.
- G. Following the nominations and acceptances for each office, each candidate's school will have (2) minutes of campaign time.
 - 1. Campaign may include skits, songs, cheers, speeches, chants, flyers, slogans, balloons, etc.
 - 2. Props must be kept to a minimum, and stage preparations time will count as part of the (2) minute campaign time.
 - 3. At the conclusion of the campaign time for each office, one representative will be called forward to cast (4) votes when their school name is called.
 - i. These votes may be cast as a whole or divided.

Article VII

Amendments

- Section 1** Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member school and must be submitted to the vice president school in order to be discussed at Fall or Spring Forum or electronically.
- Section 2** The Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority of all member schools present and will become effective if not vetoed by a majority of the executive board.

Article VIII

Schools Attending Spring Forum

Section 1

- A. Duties of the Schools attending Spring Forum are:
1. Pay registration in advance to the President school
 2. To bring a door prize(s) according to the request of the host council
 3. To have a student designated as your voting representative.

**** June 2022 Amendments****

Amendments to the Constitution

1. District 419 will pay travel expenses (gas) for travel to and from State Steering for District Representatives (President/District Coordinator) in one personal vehicle. Expenses will not be paid for travel in school vehicles.
2. District 4/19 will pay hotel expenses (1 room) for attendance at the State Advisor Workshop.