

Constitution of the Mount Enterprise High School Student Council

Preamble

We, the members of the Mount Enterprise High School Student Council, in order to generate more student pride throughout the school system and actively involve students in a variety of worthwhile projects, to engage in projects to benefit the school campuses, and to bring about greater cooperation between school and community, do organize ourselves to be a leadership group that is an asset to the school and community under the following constitution:

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Mount Enterprise High School Student Council.

Article II Membership

Any Mount Enterprise High School student may apply for membership in the Mount Enterprise High School Student Council during the months of March and April each school term, provided the student has at least a 70 or passing grade point average in each class. In addition, the applicant must have had no discipline referrals during the third, fourth, or fifth six weeks of the current school term that resulted in In-School Suspension (ISS), placement in Disciplinary Alternative Education Plan (DAEP), nor disciplinary action considered serious enough by the high school principal that resulted in corporal punishment, expulsion, or some type of probationary action. The student agrees to work to build pride and make MHS an exemplary school, agrees to attend monthly meetings, and agrees to work on student council projects to earn a minimum number of points set by the executive committee officers.

A committee of student council officers, student council members, and faculty will select new members from the list of applicants.

An exception to the rule applies to a student who was a student council member in good standing at another Texas Association of Student Councils school district and transfers to Mount Enterprise ISD. That student automatically becomes a member of the MHS Student Council.

To retain membership in the Mt. Enterprise Student Council a student:

1. Must maintain at least a 70 average in each class or be placed on probation for six weeks.
2. Must not have been placed on probation more than two times during a school term for failing a class for a six weeks reporting period.
3. Must attend at least two-thirds (67 %) of the monthly meetings during the student council year.
4. Must earn a minimum of 300 points during the student council year.
5. Must not have been placed on any type disciplinary probation during the student council year or the current school term.
6. Must not have been placed in ISS (In-School Suspension) more than one time during a school term, and termination will occur upon the second placement in ISS. A student must not have received corporal punishment in lieu of ISS more than twice during a school term. Tardiness is not considered a disciplinary problem until the tardies become excessive. An excessive amount will be determined by the school administration.
7. Must not be suspended nor expelled from classes for any length of time. Membership in Mount Enterprise High School Student Council is immediately terminated upon a student being suspended or expelled for disciplinary reasons or any other reason.
8. Must not be placed in DAEP (Disciplinary Alternative Education Plan). Membership in Mount Enterprise High School Student Council is immediately terminated upon placement in DAEP.
9. Must not incur any disciplinary action resulting from misconduct at a district or state Texas Association of Student Councils conference that results in disciplinary action taken by the high school principal. Disciplinary action is defined as one of the following: (a) having a discipline report form filled out and mailed (or presented) to parents or guardians, (b) having a meeting of the high school principal and possibly other school administrators or faculty members with the parents and guardians and some type of punishment or probationary measure administered, (c) corporal punishment administered to the student, or (d) the student being placed in ISS or DAEP.
10. Must not incur any disciplinary action resulting from misconduct while in attendance at any school-approved field trip, athletic event, or other organizational conference or event.

A student having his or her membership revoked may reapply for admission to the student council at the beginning of a new student council year. The official Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) District 4 year is from March of one year until March of the next year. Any student reapplying must satisfy all membership requirements. Reapplying for membership does not mean the student will be accepted, especially those students who attended less than two-thirds of the meetings and those students not willing to work to earn 300 points.

Article III Officers

The officers of this organization shall be:

A. Elected officers:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Parliamentarian

B. Executive committee:

The above named officers and the sponsor of the organization shall constitute the executive committee for the Mt. Enterprise Student Council.

C. Committee chairpersons:

Persons needed to chair standing committees and all other committees of the Mount Enterprise Student Council will be selected by the executive committee and the council sponsor.

Article IV Nomination and Election of Officers

Any student council member may apply for an officer position after having served one year in the organization. The member must fill out an application for candidacy. After approval of candidacy by the executive committee, the candidates for offices are then placed on a ballot and the entire high school student body votes in April. Officers serve a term of one year and may only hold one particular office at one time. An officer may be re-elected.

Article V Duties of Officers

1. The duties of the President shall be:
 - a. To represent the student body at Mt. Enterprise Student Council meetings, District IV meetings, and at the TASC state convention. The president will also represent the student body at community and civic gatherings.
 - b. To be responsible for coordinating the interviewing, selection and functioning of committee chairpersons and task forces.
 - c. To supervise the functioning of the elected student body officers.
 - d. To develop the agenda for and preside over the meetings of Student Council.

2. Duties of the Vice-President shall be:
 - a. To represent the student body at school, district, civic meetings as requested by the president.
 - b. To coordinate the work of committees.
 - c. To preside over Student Council meetings in the absence of the president.

3. Duties of the Secretary shall be:
 - a. To maintain the student council files and to record minutes of all meetings.
 - b. To assist in preparing agendas for meetings.
 - c. To take and distribute minutes of meetings.
 - d. To represent the student body at school, district, and civic meetings as requested by the president.
 - e. To type minutes and material for student body officers and committee chairpersons as needed.

4. Duties of the Assistant Secretary shall be:
 - a. To conduct roll call of members at all meetings.
 - b. To assist the secretary with secretarial duties.

5. Duties of the Treasurer shall be:
 - a. To coordinate the preparation of the annual budget.
 - b. To present the proposed budget to Student Council for adoption.
 - c. To maintain financial records of the student body.
 - d. To prepare financial reports for meetings of Student Council.

6. Duties of the Parliamentarian shall be:
 - a. To provide advice on questions of parliamentary procedure.
 - b. To make the Council members aware of good parliamentary practices.
 - c. To lead the pledges for the Texas and United States flags.
 - d. To assist in counting votes in all elections conducted by the Student Council.

7. Duties of Committee Chairpersons shall be:
 - a. To recruit members of the committee.
 - b. To call and preside over meetings of the committee.
 - c. To inform officers of progress and problems which arise.
 - d. To delegate tasks of committee and follow up with members to be sure plans are complete and that projects are carried out as planned.
 - e. To complete all TASC District IV and state TASC forms and reports necessary for submission for district and state awards.

Article VI Meetings

Meetings will be held twice each month with the dates and times being set by the executive committee of the Mt. Enterprise Student Council. The executive committee shall also have the power to set the number of points awarded for members attending regular monthly meetings of the said MHS Student Council. Student Council members arriving more than five (5) minutes late for a regular monthly meeting shall be counted present but shall receive no more than one (1) point for the student council point system.

Article VII Business

All officers should be thoroughly familiar with the Mt. Enterprise Student Council Constitution, and officers should prepare an agenda for each meeting and follow the agenda as outlined. The recording secretary will take all minutes for each business meeting.

Article VIII
Rules for Attending District and State Conferences

1. Rules for Attending the district conference
 - a. The student must be academically eligible during the grading period in which the conference occurs.
 - b. The student must have accumulated at least 350 points. Each year the minimum total points needed to attend the district conference will be reviewed by the executive committee.
 - c. The student must have no discipline referrals during the grading period in which the conference occurs, and the student must not have been a discipline problem during the current school year. In determining if a student has been a discipline problem, the high school administration will review the number of discipline referrals and will consider the seriousness of any and all misconduct.
 - d. The student must not have been placed in ISS (In-School Suspension) during the semester in which the conference occurs.
 - e. TASC State Conference dress codes and Mount Enterprise ISD dress codes apply to students attending district conferences.

2. Rules for attending the state conference.
 - a. The student must be academically eligible during the grading period in which the conference occurs.
 - b. The student must have accumulated at least 675 points. Each year the minimum total points needed to attend the state convention will be reviewed by the executive committee.
 - c. The student must have no discipline referrals during the semester in which the conference occurs.
 - d. The student must have not been in ISS (In-School Suspension) at any time during the current school term and must not have had corporal punishment in lieu of ISS.
 - e. TASC State Conference dress codes and Mount Enterprise ISD dress codes apply to student delegates to the state conference.

3. Rules of conduct while attending the state conference.
 - a. Students will not visit outside of a hotel room with other students past a 12:00 midnight curfew.
 - b. Boys will not be in a girls' room at any time without the presence of at least one adult chaperone, and girls will not be in a boys' room without the presence of at least one adult chaperone. Mount Enterprise female and male students meeting together must be for a specific reason such as for a pizza party, to watch a movie, or some similar activity approved by the student council advisor and the adult chaperones. Mount Enterprise students inviting students or people from other school districts to rooms reserved for Mount Enterprise students and chaperones is strictly prohibited. This action on the part of a MHS student or students can result in the expulsion of the Mount Enterprise student or students from the MHS Student Council and could result in the entire delegation leaving the state conference early.
 - c. Students must attend all convention sessions. Day sessions start at 9:00 a.m.
 - d. Mt. Enterprise students must sit together with the sponsor during all general sessions of the annual conference of the Texas Association of Student Councils.
 - e. Adult chaperones, including the sponsor and at least two parent chaperones, shall accompany the student delegates to the state convention. Students are responsible to the adult chaperones at all times and will not visit with relatives nor other personalities without the express consent of the sponsor, chaperones, and the high school administration. Any student spending time with a relative in the Dallas metro area or traveling with any other individual than the chaperones must have written permission by a parent or guardian on file with the school prior to the trip to the state conference.
 - f. Failure to abide by rules of conduct will terminate the privilege of attending any future state conventions, and the student(s) may be taken back to Mt. Enterprise before the conclusion of the convention.
 - g. Any serious disciplinary action resulting from conduct at the convention or during travel to and from the convention will result in expulsion from the Mt. Enterprise Student Council by vote of the executive committee, the student council sponsor and the high school principal.

Article IX
Amending the Constitution

The Constitution may be amended under the following provisions:

1. The Secretary must be given a copy of the proposed amendment prior to a regularly scheduled meeting.
2. The amendment will be read, discussed, and voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
3. Adoption of an amendment is considered official after vote of acceptance by two-thirds of the students present in a regular scheduled meeting.