

CHELAN MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTITUTION

We the students of Chelan Middle School, in order to systematize the management of school activities, to promote school spirit, to bring the students and faculty to better understanding, and enable us to become better citizens, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Associated Student Body of Chelan Middle School.

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Associated Student Body (ASB) of Chelan Middle School.

ARTICLE II – Membership

All enrolled Chelan Middle School students, who have purchased a student body card, shall be members of this organization. The student council shall consist of the Executive Officers, Class Officers, a representative from each sport, and a representative from each club. Executive Officers and Class Officers will attend all meetings. Representatives will attend designated quarterly meetings.

ARTICLE III – Legislative

Section 1: The voting membership shall consist of the following: The President (who will vote only during a tie vote), Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and the class officers.

Section 2: The non-voting membership shall consist of the Principal and the designated A.S.B. advisor. These members shall have the rights of debating, moving and seconding.

Section 3: The Student Council shall have general supervision over all ASB activities and expenditures of the ASB fund.

Section 4: For any legislation to go into effect it is required for passage a simple majority through the Student Council and must be approved by the ASB President.

Section 5: The authority exercised by the ASB can at any time be revoked by the counseling board which shall consist of the Principal and his designated advisor.

ARTICLE IV – Executive Officers

Section 1: The executive officers of the Associated Student Body (ASB) shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All executive candidates must be members of the ASB prior to the

time of election and term of office. All executive officers must agree to sign and abide by the rules of the athletic/activity code, in addition to the ASB Conduct Code.

Section 2: The President shall be a 7th or 8th Grader in the year following the election. That President must have been enrolled in Chelan Middle School for at least one (1) full school year, be a fulltime CMS student throughout the year in office, and shall have and maintain a 2.70 grade point average or better beginning with grade six (6). The President shall preside over the Student Council meetings and conduct the Executive Council Meetings. To be eligible to hold office, the President shall not have received a long term suspension or have two short term suspensions during the year he/she runs for office. A letter of recommendation from the Principal and a vote of the Executive Council (this majority vote will involve all four executive members and a tie will be broken by the designated advisor that is in charge during the school year of the election) will determine eligibility to run for office.

Section 3: The Vice President shall meet the requirements for the office of ASB President. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in case of resignation or absence and shall be named President. The Vice President will oversee all committees created by the ASB.

Section 4: The Secretary shall meet the requirements for the office of ASB President. The Secretary shall keep a record of all Student and Executive Council meetings – to be recorded in a ledger and copies to be sent to each club and sport attending the council meetings, Council members, ASB advisor and the Principal.

Section 5-A: The ASB Treasurer shall meet the requirements for the office of ASB President. The Treasurer shall assist the faculty treasurer in keeping books and shall be linked between the books and the Student Council.

Section 5-D: In the event that an elected officer fails to maintain the qualification(s) of the office or behaves in such a manner that is unbecoming an elected officer by being found in violation of a major offense as listed in the Activity/Athletic code, he/she will be asked to resign or will be removed from office by the Principal or his designee.

Section 5-E: Executive council and class officers will assume roles and responsibilities of new positions the day after the election school year ends.

Section 6: The Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 7-A: The Student Council shall consist of the Executive President, Executive Vice President, Executive Secretary, Executive Treasurer, the class officers, and the designated club and sport representatives.

Section 7-B: To be eligible to be a Student Council Representative, the student must have attended Chelan High/Middle School for one year prior to the year of representation, have evidence of being a responsible and reliable person, and sign and abide by the Athletic/Activity code.

Section 7-C: In the event that a Student Council Representative fails to maintain the qualification(s) of the office, including a major violation of the athletic/activity code, the representative will be asked to resign or will be removed from office by the Principal or his designee.

Section 8: A person cannot hold two elective ASB voting offices simultaneously in one academic year.

ARTICLE V – Appointive Officers

Section 1: The appointive officers of the ASB may be General Executive Officers if requested by the President, Advisor, or Vice Principal. The motion to add an officer may be denied by the advisor.

Section 2: All appointments may be made unless specifically stated otherwise and individually approved by the Executive Council and a majority of the Student Council.

ARTICLE VI – Elections

Section 1: Each candidate for the elective ASB offices must present to the designated student advisor an application of intent to run for office. The election shall be held in early May, the date to be set by the Principal. The names of all persons eligible for office shall be certified one week before the election.

Section 2: A campaign assembly shall be held at any time before the election, but after candidates have been certified, at the discretion of the Principal. The ASB elections shall be supervised by the Executive Council, and the Principal or his designee.

Section 3: Class elections shall be supervised by the Principal or their designee.

Section 4: The elections shall be held by secret ballot at designated polls established by the Executive Council. The Executive Council, along with the Principal or designee shall prepare, administer and count the election ballots. A simple majority vote is required to be elected to an office.

Section 5: To be eligible to vote, each student must be enrolled in Chelan Middle School.

ARTICLE VII – Meetings

Section 1: General assemblies for the purpose of presenting athletic or other ASB awards or for the conducting of any special ASB business shall be called by the President with the consent of the Vice Principal, the Principal, or the designated Advisor.

Section 2: Regular meetings of the Student Council shall be normally held once a month, though the President has the power to call a special session. A quorum shall consist of an advisor and two-thirds of the members. No meeting will be valid without the presence of the Principal or his designated advisor.

ARTICLE VIII – Finances

Section 1: The collection of ASB monies as well as all monies collected by all organizations within the school shall be supervised by the faculty advisors concerned and it shall be deposited with the bookkeeper, who shall keep separate accounts for each organization. The bookkeeper shall issue receipts for the amount received and show in the accounts how all monies are disbursed. Purchases made by an organization are to be on an ASB requisition signed by the organization Secretary/Representative, advisor and ASB Treasurer and approved by the principal. A purchase order will be made up by the district business office and signed by the Superintendent. These purchase orders are to be presented when a purchase is made, and the invoice will bear the purchase order number before payment is made. The Treasurer of every student organization shall keep accounts and shall be accountable for them to the bookkeeper and their organization.

Section 2: The price of the ASB card will be determined at the end of the school year by the Executive Council and approved by the Student Council and recommended by the Principal to the School Board for their approval.

ARTICLE IX – Vacancies

Section 1: All vacancies in elective offices shall be filled by the student who received the second highest vote for the office in the general election if that student is still qualified. If the student is not qualified it shall go to the person who received the third highest vote, and so on. The only exception is in the case of the President, in which case the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President. Election results shall be on file in the office for four years.

Section 2: In the event the runner-up for the office is no longer qualified, the vacancy shall be filled by Presidential appointment with the approval of the Executive Council and three-fifths of the Student Council.

Section 3: Vacancies in appointive offices shall be filled by Presidential appointment with the approval of the Executive Council and a majority vote of the Student Council.

ARTICLE X – Amendments

Section 1: All amendments must be proposed by a member of the Student Council and passed by a two-thirds vote.

Section 2: All amendments passed by the Student Council will be reviewed by the Executive Council and posted throughout the school for at least one week prior to the election.

Section 3: A special election for the purpose of changing an amendment may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Council and three-fifths of the Student Council.

ARTICLE XI – Recall

Section 1: Origination in Student Council:

- A. The Student Council may initiate a recall of an elected officer by a two-thirds vote.
- B. The Executive Council shall announce the vacancy and a recall election shall be held within ten school days.
- C. The same procedure as in the general ASB elections shall be followed.

Section 2: By Student Petition

- A. A petition stating the proposed recall of an elected officer and bearing the signatures of two-thirds of the Student Body shall be presented to the Executive Council.
- B. Upon receipt of the recall petition, the Executive Council will review the petition and upon validation shall announce the vacancy and a recall election shall be held within ten school days. The name of the incumbent shall automatically be placed on the ballot together with other qualified candidates.

ARTICLE XII – By-Laws

Section 1: The requirements for school awards and all other matters in detail which it shall be thought necessary to include within this constitution shall be placed in the By-Laws.

Section 2: Suggestions for By-Laws shall be brought before the Student Council. These shall then be approved by the Student Council. The proposed By-Laws shall then be posted for the period of one week, after which the ASB shall vote on it, two-thirds vote is necessary to pass a By-Law. If a By-Law is passed it shall immediately become a By-Law.

ARTICLE XIII – Question of Law

Any question of law not directly covered by this constitution shall be decided by the Executive Council. All such action shall be reviewed by the Student Council upon the request of any Student Council Representative.

ARTICLE XIV – Adoption

A two-thirds vote of the Student Council shall be necessary for adoption of this constitution.

ARTICLE XV – School Colors and Coat of Arms

Section 1: School colors are light grey, red, white, and black. Red and black will be the basic colors.

Section 2: School colors will be used on all athletic and music uniforms.

BY LAW II – Affiliated Organizations

- A. All organizations which desire to become “school affiliated” must apply to the Student Council for a charter.
- B. All said organizations must establish a constitution and file a copy of the constitution with the Student Council.
- C. The Student Council has the power to revoke a charter at any time it feels such action is justified.

BY LAW III – Pep Assemblies

- A. Pep Assemblies: Responsibility of ASB and Student Council.
 - 1. Pep assemblies must be scheduled at least one week in advance.
 - 2. Pep assemblies must be approved by the Leadership Advisor.
 - 3. Pep assembly agendas are to be filed in the Principal’s office in advance.
 - 4. If an assembly is scheduled with another activity or program, the assembly must be jointly planned by all involved groups.

BY-LAW V – Class Officer Elections

Section 1: To be eligible for a class office, the student must have attended Morgen Owings Elementary or Chelan Middle School for one year prior to the election, be a fulltime CMS student throughout the year in office, and must maintain a 2.50 GPA or better. Each candidate for the elective class office must present to the designated advisor an application of intent. The names of all persons eligible for office shall be certified within one day after the petitions are due.

Section 2: The Class elections shall be conducted according to regulations dealing with ASB elections as stated in Article VI.

Section 3: New class officers as officers elect shall assume the duties dealing with items affecting the class during the coming year. Old officers shall continue to deal with items affecting the current class until the official induction takes place.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The following is a list of approved Clubs and organizations for CMS (by-laws can be found in separate document titled *CMS Club and Organization By-Laws*). To become a club, each organization must have a treasurer that can keep track of the club/organization's accounts, a copy of their constitution to be kept with the Student Council, and must apply to the student council for a charter and present at the general ASB meeting.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Astronomy Club is an extracurricular club that encourages participants to spend time viewing space. They organize social gatherings to share their common interest in outer space.

DRAMA

Drama is an extracurricular club which promotes world peace through communication by self-expression. In Drama Club, members learn to express themselves using a play as medium and performance as communication. The club also holds fundraisers in order to take field trips to see live performances in other cities.

KINDNESS CLUB

To promote kindness throughout the school by not excluding others and creating a safe environment with putting up posters and lifting others up.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Use students' academic knowledge to compete against teams from other schools. Teams are often comprised of students with different academic strengths and backgrounds, representing the diversity of the student body.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The Chelan High School Science Olympiad Team is a non-profit ASB student organization for young men and women with an active interest in science in grades 6-8. It is open to students of all races and religious backgrounds.

