

CONSTITUTION OF SHELLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Preamble To The Constitution Of Shelley High School

We, the students of Shelley High School, in order to conduct effectively our school government, encourage school citizenship, promote cooperation between faculty and students, promote the general welfare, and insure for ourselves and the students who follow us, the privilege and responsibility of governing the student body and above all, perpetuate learning, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution of Shelley High School.

Article I -- Student Body Membership

- Section I. Any person regularly enrolled as a student at Shelley High School shall be considered a member of the student body.
- Section II. The colors of Shelley High School shall be red, black, and white.
- Section III. The school song shall be as follows:
Three cheers for Shelley High School,
Loyal and true.
Fight for our colors,
Forever keep them true.
- Fight for strength and courage,
We'll do our best.
Help us go onward,
And home to rest.
- Section IV. The mascot and official symbol of Shelley High School shall be The Russet.

Article II -- Supremacy of the Constitution

- Section I. This constitution in cooperation with the Board of Education shall be the supreme law governing the student body of Shelley High School; and constitutions, charters, and by-laws of organizations within the student body shall be subject hereto.

Article III -- Executive Council

Section I. Members of the Executive Council shall be

1. The Student Body President;
2. The Student Body Vice President;
3. The Student Body Secretary;
4. The Student Body Reporter;
5. The Club Ambassador (elected by club presidents);
6. Any committee members deemed necessary by the Student Body President and confirmed by Student Council.

Section II. The duties of Executive Council shall be to:

1. Meet once a week;
2. Make laws to fulfill the needs of the student body;
3. Carry out the provisions of this constitution;
4. Regulate club charters and constitutions and recall constitutions for inspection and possible revisions of club constitutions, except by-laws;
5. Propose amendments to the Shelley High School Constitution;
6. Have power to pass bills over the Student Council's vote with a two-thirds majority;
7. Provide for securing student body, club, and class assemblies;
8. Set a definite time for Executive Council meetings;
9. Call for special elections;
10. Set a time for student body elections;
11. Set a time for class elections;
12. Create committees to carry out assignments from Executive Council.

Article IV -- Student Council

Section I. All legislative powers of the student body shall be vested in the Student Council.

Section II. The duties of the Student Council shall be to:

1. Meet once a month;
2. Advise Executive Council on needs of the student body;
3. Debate issues before Student Council;
4. Report discussions and decisions to appropriate club or group represented;
5. Schedule dances;
6. Confirm committee members appointed by Student Body President.

Section III. Student Council membership shall be as follows:

1. Executive Council (Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter, and Club Ambassador);
2. Class Officers (Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Reporters);
3. Club Presidents.

Section IV. Requirements of all Student Council members

1. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA during each quarter of their term of office;
2. Must be a member in good standing of the student body.

Section V. Duties of Student Body Officers

A. The Student Body President shall:

1. Be a senior;
2. Be chief executive officer of the student body;
3. Preside over all student body meetings not otherwise provided for;
4. Preside over Executive Council meetings with the power to debate, but not to vote except to break a tie;
5. Appoint committees from the student body to aid in carrying out executive powers and duties;
6. Have general student direction of student activities;
7. Encourage and aid all activities beneficial to the student body;
8. Recommend legislation to Student Council and Executive Council;
9. Establish and maintain cordial relations with other schools;
10. Manage student body and class elections.

- B. The Student Body Vice President shall:
1. Be a senior or a junior;
 2. Act in the capacity and authority of the Student Body President in the event of the latter's absence or upon the president's removal from office;
 3. Conduct all Student Council meetings, having power to debate, but not to vote except to break a tie.
- C. The Student Body Secretary shall:
1. Be a senior or a junior;
 2. Serve as secretary of the Student Council, Executive Council, and student body;
 3. Attend Student Council and Executive Council meetings having power to debate and vote;
 4. Keep a permanent record of all Student Council, Executive Council, and student body records;
- D. The Student Body Reporter shall:
1. Be a senior or a junior;
 2. Publish and make known to the school all business brought before the council, and the action taken;
 3. Report all news of the student body to a local newspaper;
 4. Assist in all Student Council affairs;
 5. Attend all Student Council and Executive Council meetings, having power to debate and vote;
- E. Club Presidents shall:
1. Attend all Student Council meetings having power to debate and vote;
 2. Assist in all Student Council affairs;
 3. Elect one from their number to represent all club presidents in the Executive Council as Club Ambassador.

Section VI. Impeachment, Trial, and Replacement of Student Council members

- A. Grounds for removal from Student Council will be Level 3 violations of the District Conduct Code or laws of the student body, failure to maintain a 3.0 quarterly G.P.A., or impeachment for neglect of duty.
 - 1. Violations of District Conduct Code
 - a) Any Student Council member who incurs a Level 3 violation of district policy will be removed from office.
 - b) Any student who incurs a Level 3 violation of district policy will not be allowed to run for a Student Council office that year.
 - 2. Low scholastic average
 - a) Any Student Council members not maintaining the required GPA shall be placed on probation for one nine-weeks grading period.
 - b) Any Student Council member who fails to raise his or her quarterly GPA to at least a 3.0 during the probation period will be permanently removed from office.
 - 3. Impeachment for neglect of duty
 - a) A motion to impeach any Student Council officer may be brought about by individual Student Council members or by petition signed by ten percent of the student body.
 - b) The motion or petition shall then be referred to a special committee of three member selected by the highest-ranking officer of Executive Council (other than person being impeached) who will evaluate charges against the Student Council member.
 - c) If deemed necessary, impeachment trial by Executive Council will be scheduled and presided over by the highest-ranking officer of Executive Council (other than the person being impeached).
 - d) Conviction on impeachment charges shall require a three-fourths vote of eligible members of Executive Council, excluding members of special investigating committee.
 - e) Sole punishment shall be removal from office.
- B. Replacement of Student Council members
 - 1. Student Body Vice President will fill the office of Student Body President when permanently vacated.
 - 2. Other vacancies in executive council offices will be filled by an officer who is appointed by the remaining members of executive council, subject to the approval of the Student Council Advisor.
 - 3. Class Vice Presidents will fill the office of Class President when permanently vacated.
 - 4. Vacancies of class offices shall be filled by an officer who is appointed by the remaining class officers. The appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Student Council Advisor.

Article V -- CLASS OFFICERS

Section I. Class officers shall be as follows:

1. President;
2. Vice President;
3. Secretary;
4. Reporter.

Section II. Qualifications of Class Officers

1. Class officers shall maintain a 3.0 GPA during each quarter of their term.
2. Class officers must be members in good standing of the student body and their class.

Section III. Duties and Powers of Class Officers

A. Each Class President shall:

1. Be chief officer of his or her class;
2. Be the general director of all class activities;
3. Attend all Student Council and Executive Council meetings having power to debate and vote;
4. Encourage and aid projects of class;
5. Preside over class meetings;
6. Stimulate competition between classes and strive for good class relations;
7. Manage all elections held within his or her own class;
8. Assist in all Student Council affairs.

B. The Vice President of each class shall:

1. Act in capacity of the president in the event of the President's absence, upon the president's removal from office, or upon authorization from the president;
2. Assume and carry out any delegated responsibility given him by the president of his or her class;
3. Attend all Student Council meetings having power to debate and vote;
4. Assist in all Student Council affairs.

C. The Secretary of each class shall:

1. Keep minutes of all class meetings;
2. Handle all class correspondence;
3. Provide for the storage and preservation of all class records and materials;
4. Attend all Student Council meetings having power to debate and vote;
5. Assist in all Student Council affairs.

- D. The Reporter of each class shall:
1. Submit all class news to the Student Body Reporter and/or school newspaper;
 2. Assist in all class affairs;
 3. Attend all Student Council meetings having power to debate and vote;
 4. Assist in all Student Council affairs.

Section IV. Petitions for Student Body Officer

- A. Petitions with 25 signatures are required for the following offices:
1. Student Body President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Reporter
 5. Mascot

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Section V. Student Body Primary Elections

- A. Primary elections will be held one week from the date petitions and nominations are due.
- B. Campaigning will begin when successful candidates for each office are announced.
- C. Executive Council will set a limit on how much money can be spent on each campaign.
- D. The student body will vote to select the final candidates as follows:
1. Two votes will be cast and two candidates will be chosen for the offices of Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary, and Reporter.

Section VI. Student Body Final Elections

- A. Final elections will be held one week from the date of primary elections.
- B. The student body will vote to select the officers as follows:
1. One vote will be cast and one candidate will be selected for the offices of Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter.

Section VII. Petitions for Class Officer

- A. Petitions with 25 signatures are required for the following offices:
1. Class President
 2. Class Vice President
 3. Class Secretary
 4. Class Reporter

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Section VIII. Class Primary Elections

- A. Primary elections will be held one week from the date petitions and nominations are due.
- B. Campaigning will begin when successful candidates for each elected office are announced.
- C. The student body will vote to select the final candidates as follows:
 - 1. Two votes will be cast and two candidates will be chosen for the offices of Class President, Vice President, Secretary, and Reporter.
 - 2. Executive Council will set a limit on how much money can be spent on each campaign.

Section IX. Class Final Elections

- A. Final elections will be held one week from the date of primary elections.
- B. The class will vote to select the officers as follows:
 - 1. One vote will be cast and one candidate will be selected for the offices of Class President, Vice President, Secretary, and Reporter.

Section X. Voting

- A. Voting will take place in an area designated by the Student Council and will be done by secret ballot.
- B. Absentee ballots will be accepted only under the following conditions:
 - 1. If requested no earlier than three days in advance
 - 2. If a standard absentee ballot form is filled out and submitted to the Student Council advisor prior to the day of the election
- C. Only students who will be members of the Shelley High School student body the following school year and faculty will be allowed to vote in Shelley High School student body elections.
- D. Only students who are members of the class and faculty will be allowed to vote in Shelley High School class elections.
- E. Votes will be tallied on the day of the final election by a committee of faculty members chosen by the principal.
- F. The results of the final election will be announced to the student body following the final election.

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Article VI -- CLUBS

Section I. Constitutions and Organization

- A. All clubs must have a constitution approved by and on file with the Student Council.
 - 1. All club constitutions must follow the policies set by the Board of Trustees.
 - 2. No club constitution may set standards lower than those set by the Board of Trustees; however, if a club wishes to set a higher standard, the provision must be approved by a majority of the student council, the building principal, and the Board of Trustees; otherwise, the provision will be considered invalid.
 - 3. Any amendments to approved constitutions must be approved by and on file with the Student Council.
- B. Clubs that do not have a representative attend at least half of all student council meetings during a semester may be cancelled by a majority vote of the student council.
- C. All organizations must have an advisor, and said advisor must be present at all functions.
- D. All activities of clubs must be scheduled in advance on the school calendar by the faculty advisor.
- E. All awards will be under supervision of said clubs, and requirements for the awards must be inserted in their respective constitutions.

Section II. Membership

- A. The membership in a school club shall be open to all members of the student body who qualify for the specific subject area.
- B. Eligibility to participate in club activities will be based on a quarterly GPA of 2.0 and individual club standards.

Article VII -- PUBLICATIONS

Section I. The official publication of Shelley High School shall be "The Russet" and shall be a public forum for students.

Section II. The official yearbook of Shelley High School shall be called "Russet."

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Article VIII -- RIGHT TO PETITION

Section I. Whenever a petition bearing the signature of no fewer than ten percent of the student body members shall be presented to any member of the Student Council, the measure shall be entered as a bill in the next session of Student Council, and a representative of the proponents shall be permitted to participate in the debate.

Section II. The Constitution may be amended by the following procedure:

- A. Any Student Council member at any regular or special meeting of the Student Council shall propose an amendment in writing.
- B. If the proposed amendment is approved by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Student Council members, it shall be presented to the entire student body for ratification within thirty days, but no sooner than ten days, after the Student Council approval.
- C. The proposed amendment shall be effective immediately upon approval of a simple majority of the student body casting ballots upon the issue.

Article IX -- RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION

Section I. Upon consent of the Superintendent and the Principal and a simple majority of the student body, this Constitution shall become official for Shelley High School.

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Article X -- PERPETUATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Section I. This Constitution shall not be voted out of existence until a four-fifths majority has been acquired from the student body, Student Council, and the faculty. Votes shall be taken by secret ballot.