

Mount Olive High School Student Council Constitution

Article I: Name

- I. Mount Olive High School Student Council
- II. Herein referred to as the council.

Article II: Purpose

- I. To encourage and promote active participation from the student body.
- II. To promote school pride.
- III. To encourage harmony and unity throughout the school community.
- IV. To promote civic responsibility, leadership, scholarship, and student relations within in the student body.
- V. To provide an active and representative voice that allows students, staff members and any interested party to maintain the right to have an influence and impact on the decisions of Mount Olive High School.
- VI. To contribute to the overall development of Mount Olive High School.
- VII. To stand for the best interests of the student body.
- VIII. To provide students with opportunities of leadership and to develop in all students a sense of responsibility.

Article III: Affiliation

- I. The council will work closely with and support the four class councils, staff, students, and administration of MOHS.
- II. The council is affiliated with the New Jersey Association of Student Councils and the National Association of Student Councils organizations.

Article IV: Membership

- I. Membership to the council is open to all Mt. Olive High School students. Students must keep active status to maintain official Student Council membership. Active membership can be defined through the usage of the points system outlined below.
 - A. Student Council members must earn 45 points for the first semester (defined as the first and second marking periods of the school year).
 - B. Student Council and Class Council officers must earn 60 points for the first semester.
 - C. Student Council members must earn 35 points for the second semester (third and fourth marking periods of the school year).

- D. Student Council and Class Council officers must earn 50 points for the second semester.
- II. If the amount of points needed is not reached, a student will have the opportunity to save his or her membership by pleading his or her case in front of a committee, made up of class and student council officers. If the defendant is an officer, the committee will consist of the remaining officers and the class advisors. A failure to pass a hearing will result in termination of membership or officer position.
- III. Point values for meetings and services will be outlined throughout the year.
- IV. **Committees:** Student Council members will need to attend council meetings as well as work on a committee within the council. Each student council member would be required to participate in at least 1 committee. Each Student Council Executive Board Member would be required to participate in at least 1 committee (with each committee having at least 1 executive board member among its members).
- A. Each committee will elect a head to lead their group.
- B. Each committee will have specific responsibilities, however the committees can work interchangeably on different events. For example, the Finance committee would help all of the committees when it comes time to budget and pay for events. The MO Pride committee would work with the Finance committee to develop new ideas for the school store, so on and so forth.
- C. Committees would be required to meet at least once a month.
- D. The committees are outlined as follows:
1. **MO Pride** – The MO Pride committee’s purpose would be to raise school spirit and develop the atmosphere of Mt Olive HS. The MO Pride committee’s responsibilities would include Pep Rallies, Homecoming, Red & Gold Fridays, Game Day Apparel, and Spirit Weeks.
 2. **Leadership** – The Leadership committee’s purpose would be to plan and execute events for Mt Olive High School. Responsibilities for the Leadership committee would include the Snowland dance, Clash of the Classes, and Leadership Week.
 3. **Community Links**– The Community Links committee’s purpose would be to foster a relationship between the Mt Olive HS and the Mt Olive community. Responsibilities for the Community Links committee would be to choose a School Charity, Book Buddies, Thanksgiving Drive, and Take your Child to Work Day.
 4. **Public Relations** – The Public Relations committee’s purpose would be to effectively communicate with the Mt Olive High School and Student Council members. The PR committee would be in charge of creating and executing School surveys to get information from the student body, Communicating with the school, administration, and BOE, drafting a monthly newsletter, and keeping a current website.

5. **Finance** – The Finance committee would be in charge of the funds for Student Council. The Finance committee’s responsibilities would be to create and develop Fundraising ideas, work on budgeting, and run the school store.

Article V: Officers

- I. **Student Council Elections:** The student body at large shall elect the following Student Council Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.
 - A. The following will be the requirements for running for Student Council office:
 1. Two full years of active Student Council membership.
 2. Attend one NJASC Conference per school year.
 3. Complete an election packet that includes:
 - a) Thirty signatures from the student body that you are attempting to represent.
 - b) A completed candidate questionnaire
 4. Attend one session of LTC for both Student Council President and Vice President positions. Students who have not attended LTC but are elected as President and VP are expected to go to LTC the summer prior to servicing in these roles.
 5. A declaration of who your running mate will be if the said person is running for the position of President or Vice President.
 - B. The following are the requirements for holding Office:
 1. Have and maintain a 3.0 GPA
 2. Attend at least two NJASC Conferences
 3. Meet the points requirement for an officer, outlined in “Membership”
 - C. Two Board of Education Liaisons and a School Store Manager will be appointed by the elected officers. Other positions will be appointed if deemed necessary.
- II. **Class Council Elections:** Each grade at large shall elect the following Class Council Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - A. The following will be the requirements for running for Class Council office:
 1. One year student council or class council experience for anyone running for a Junior Class position, Two years student council or class council experience for anyone running for a Senior class position. To be attested for by student or class council advisors.
 2. Complete an election packet that includes:
 - a) Thirty signatures from the student body that you are attempting to represent.
 - b) A completed candidate questionnaire .
 3. A declaration of who your running mate will be if the said person is running for the position of President or Vice President.

B. The following are requirements for holding Office:

1. Have and maintain a 3.0 GPA
2. Attend at least one NJASC Conferences
3. Meet the points requirement for an officer, outlined in "Membership"

III. Elections Process:

A. Speeches will be given during STAR.

B. Voting will take place the lunch period after the speeches were given.

C. Candidates are allowed to campaign by handout items, with a budget of \$30 as long as items are appropriate and approved by Student Council. Candidates may not hand out any candy or sugary items in accordance with state law.

D. Five posters are allowed, to be hung in the cafeteria hallway, old lobby, and athletics hallway. An unlimited amount of flyers are allowed to be posted only on the bulletin boards throughout the building.

E. The election process will start following spring break.

F. New officer responsibilities will take effect July 1st.

IV. Responsibilities of Student Council Officer Positions:

A. Duties of the president shall be:

1. To assume the overall responsibility for the council's activities.
2. To preside over council meetings.
3. To serve as chief public relations officer of the council by:
4. Representing the Student Council at all necessary meetings with the administration and faculty, or by designating someone to go in his/her place.
5. Serving as chief liaison officer between the council and the administration.
6. Seeking at all times to promote the ideals of the council and of the school.
7. Calling the publicity committee's attention to council or school activities worthy of public notice.
8. Serving as master/mistress of ceremonies as assemblies and extracurricular events, or by designating some other person to take his/her place.
9. Representing the council in dealings with other student councils on the local and state levels.
10. To assist the sponsor in evaluating the work of the council members.
11. To preside over meetings of the officers.

B. The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

1. To represent the council in the president's absence or at the president's request.
2. To organize and oversee the elections process.

C. The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be

1. To carry out all necessary correspondence designated by the council including commendations and thank you's.
2. To keep the council files current, including the reports of all committees.
3. To file mail concerning money-raising activities.
4. To notify the council of all letters received from the following groups: charity groups, NASC, NJASC, and district, public officials, or the school board.
5. To substitute for the recording secretary if necessary.
6. To check the validity of polls, logs, reports, etc.
7. To prepare agendas for all student government sponsored meetings.

D. The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be:

1. To keep the official record of all council meetings.
2. To keep attendance records for the council and student government meetings and activities.
3. To substitute for all corresponding secretary, if necessary.

E. The duties of the Treasurer shall be

1. To keep accurate records and accounts of all financial transactions.
2. To supervise all money collecting operations of the council.

F. The duties of the Board of Education Liaisons:

1. To attend the general Board of Education meeting each month.
2. To report to the Board the activities going on at MOHS.
3. To report back to the Student Body about relevant matters discussed by the board.
4. To hear the concerns of the Student Body and present them to board.

Article VI: Meetings

- I. General Student Council meetings will take place at least twice a month.
- II. Committee meetings will meet at least once a month
- III. All meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VII: Amendments/Ratification

- I. As this constitution is a living document, it will be re-evaluated every 2 years and voted on by the council.
- II. In order to be ratified any change in the constitution must be approved by the MOHS administration, Student Council Advisor, and by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote in the council.