

THE CONSTITUTION OF GREENVILLE TECHNICAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

WE THE STUDENTS OF GREENVILLE
TECHNICAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, IN
ORDER TO SUSTAIN AN ORGANIZATION FOR
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN ALL ASPECTS
OF OUR SCHOOL, TO FOMENT AN
ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENT
RESPONSIBILITY, TO PROMOTE LEADERSHIP
AND INITIATIVE; TO ESTABLISH A SPIRIT OF
UNITY AMONG THE STUDENT BODY,
FACULTY, AND COMMUNITY; TO UPHOLD A
HIGH STANDARD OF CHARACTER AND
ACHIEVEMENT, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH
THIS CONSTITUTION.



ARTICLE I

Section 1: Prior to adhering to this constitution all uncommon terms must be defined, and an official name must be designated to this organization.

Section 2: The organization to which this constitution pertains shall be named officially, Student Government of Greenville Technical Charter High School.

Section 3: From this point forward, Greenville Technical Charter High School will be referred to as GTCHS.

Section 4: Advisory refers to the daily meeting of students in which House Representatives reside, each advisory has a single advisor. Advisory is the time at which this Student Government will convene, Monday through Thursday.

Section 5: A “government year” will be a term used henceforth to refer to the months in which this Student Government will convene; a government year begins, ends, and breaks on the same days predetermined by the official GTCHS calendar. The first meeting date of the following year shall be decided and recorded before the adjournment of each year.

ARTICLE II – FORM OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1: All legislative power is hereby granted to the Student Government of GTCHS, which shall consist of a tricameral union of the Student Body President with their cabinet, Class Officers, and Student Senate.

Section 2: The Student Senate will be comprised of one representative selected for each advisory throughout the entirety of the school. Student Senate will be divided into four chambers: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Chambers each lead by the designated Class officer.

Section 3: Two representatives from each grade level will be selected to fill the roles of Class Officers filling the position of Class President and Class Vice President.

Section 4: The Student Body President will fill the role of Senior Class President. The Student Body President is appointed a Cabinet consisting of the Departments of Treasury, Secretary and Advisory.

Section 5: The Class Officers, Cabinet, and Senior Class President are all considered Officers of Student Government.

ARTICLE III – RESPONSIBILITY OF SENATE

Section 1: The Senate shall be comprised of one representative for each advisory. These representatives will be elected by the end of the fourth week of each new government year, and will serve for a term of one government year.

Section 2: The role of representatives in the Senate is to attend Senate meetings when scheduled, carry out orders delegated by Student Government Officers, as well as communicate necessary information to advisories.

Section 3: The Senate will convene on any Tuesday deemed necessary by a majority vote among the officers. Student Body President shall commence each meeting followed by meetings of each chamber.

Section 4: Senators are subject to removal when they are believed to be failing to perform their duty as a Senator. Removal of a Senator must be necessary, justifiable, and beneficial to Student Government as a whole, and must be decided through a two-thirds vote among Officers.

Section 5: Senators are entitled to compensation in the form of in-school service hours if they have gone above and beyond the given expectations. Service hours are based on performance as a senator and are not to exceed ten hours.

ARTICLE IV – RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Class officers shall consist of the Presidents and Vice Presidents for each grade level.

Section 2: The duties of Class Vice Presidents are as follows:

- a. To assist and work in conjunction with the President to complete delegated tasks.
- b. To take attendance of Chamber meetings.
- c. To take minutes of Chamber meetings.
- d. To fill the role of the President in the event of their absence.
- e. To perform all tasks delegated by the Class President, Student Body President, or other Officer.
- f. To exercise all other power and authority pertaining to the office, whether expressed or implied.

Section 3: The duties of Class Presidents are as follows:

- a. To serve as a liaison between the student body and administration.
- b. To represent the student body at all times.
- c. To assign the duties of making daily announcements.
- d. To maintain a line of communication to Senators.
- e. To execute delegated tasks.
- f. To preside over all Chamber meetings.
- g. To exercise all other power and authority pertaining to the office, whether expressed or implied.

Section 4: The duties of Treasurer are as follows:

- a. To assist the Student Body President as a member of their cabinet.

- b. To work with the school finance officer every nine weeks and when necessary, to check the balance of the Student Government account.
- c. To track and record the income and expenditures of Student Government.
- d. To report to Student Government quarterly, the balance, income, and expenditures of Student Government.
- e. Oversee all activities that require money.
- f. The position of treasurer is to be filled by a Senior. In the event of no Senior running for the position, then candidates who have served as a senator, in order of seniority starting from the Junior Class, will be recognized.
- g. To exercise all other power and authority pertaining to the office, whether expressed or implied.

Section 5: The duties of Secretary are as follows:

- a. To assist the Student Body President as a member of their cabinet.
- b. To record necessary minutes of meetings and make them available to other Officers.
- c. To keep a thorough digital and physical record of all activity in Student Government.
- d. To create dockets for Senator meetings.
- e. The position of secretary is to be filled by a Junior. In the event of no Junior running for the position, then students who have served as a senator may apply.
- f. To exercise all other power and authority pertaining to the office, whether expressed or implied.

Section 6: The duties of Student Body President are as follows:

- a. To serve as a liaison between the student body and administration.
- b. To represent the student body at all times.
- c. To perform the duties of the Senior Class president.
- d. To ensure that all members of Student Government are performing their duties.
- e. To work closely with the Advisor.
- f. To delegate necessary tasks.
- g. To set deadlines for Officers.
- h. To approve dockets for Senate meetings.
- i. To preside over officer meeting daily.

- j. To exercise all other power and authority pertaining to the office, whether expressed or implied.

Section 7: Responsibilities of the Advisor:

- a. To ensure forward momentum in Student Government.
- b. To provide final approval on all actions carried out by Student Government.
- c. To facilitate responsibilities placed forth by this document.
- d. To carry out all election proceedings.
- e. To exercise all other power and authority pertaining to the office, whether expressed or implied.

Section 8: The universal duties of all members of Student Government are as follows:

- a. To attend all meetings. If a scheduling conflict prohibits a member from attending meetings, proper notification of 24 hours must be given to the advisor.
- b. To report any business concerning the school which is brought to their attention.
- c. To make recommendations for the welfare of the school.
- d. To enact needed rules and regulations.
- e. To conduct themselves at all times in a manner becoming an officer of trust. No suspensions or expulsions.

Section 9: All executive council members will serve a term of one academic school year.

Section 10: Qualifications for maintaining a position in Student Government:

- a. Preservation of grades where no individual class average is lower than an 80, by the end of each quarter.
- b. Officer shall not have a record, during one school year prior to their taking office, of expulsion(s) and/or suspension(s) for disciplinary reasons.

ARTICLE V – OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTION PROCEEDINGS

Section 1: Any candidate running for office must have served on the Student Senate for one full year. Any candidate interested in running for office who has not served on student senate for a full year, will present their case before a committee of all active senior officers. Any transfer student to GTCHS who desires to run for a student body office must have served on previous school's Student Government.

Section 2: A student who desires to run for a student body office must submit his/her name by formal application to the faculty advisor by the predetermined date.

Section 3: Each candidate must submit a final speech two days before the election to the faculty advisor. The speech must be approved by the faculty advisor.

Section 4: An applicant may only apply for one office.

Section 5: No write-in candidates will be allowed.

Section 6: Election Proceedings are as follows:

- a. All student executive council shall be elected by a clear majority of the votes cast.
- b. Only one candidate shall fill each office.
- c. The final results should be presented to the following: Student Body President & Senior Vice President, advisor, and an administrator or another faculty member.
- d. Elections for student body offices shall be held during spring before the end of the government year.

Section 7: Campaign Regulations:

- a. All campaign regulations and restrictions shall be printed and distributed to each candidate upon application. These regulations shall be reviewed with the candidates during a meeting with the current Student Body President and advisor prior to the campaign.
- b. Candidates are to receive a designated town hall to deliver a speech to their peers.
- c. Candidates for student body offices can conduct a campaign on behalf of their election.
- d. Candidates may campaign with pre-approved posters not to exceed a count of five. The candidate shall remove them as soon as the results of the election are known. Candidates shall have their posters approved by the Student Body President and advisor prior to their posting.
- e. "Smear" campaigns shall not be conducted.
- f. Candidates are required to keep campaign spending under \$50 and turn in all receipts.
- g. Student Government retains the right to justifiably disqualify any candidate(s) with approval from the administration.
- h. Failure to comply with these regulations shall result in automatic disqualification.

ARTICLE VI – MAINTANENCE OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The purpose of class organizations is to develop a spirit of unity and cooperation among members of the school community through fundraising and activities. Seniors shall have first selection of times and methods of fundraisers for the year. Underclassmen shall then select times and methods in order of seniority. Class officers must seek approval of the advisor and administration prior to the deadline. If the deadline is not met, the class shall forfeit its privilege to the next lower class.

Section 2: Meetings will be held during an advisory time determined at the beginning of each school year, attendance is required.

Section 3: Anything deemed worthy by the Student Body President will be put to a simple majority among the officers. All officers receive one vote, in the event of a tie the final decision will be made by the Student Body President and the advisor.

Section 4: If at any time a position is vacated or is not filled, the Student Body President can call for a special election to fill the position. Class Officer Positions must be filled by members of the same class. The offices of secretary and treasury can be filled by any class.

Section 5: Any member of Student Government may resign by submitting a formal letter of resignation both to the advisor and the Student Body President. In the case of the resignation of the Student Body President he/she must submit a formal letter of resignation to the administration and the Student Government Officers.

Section 6: The administration has the power to impeach or suspend the powers of any member of Student Government if that individual is in violation of the rules set forth in the current student handbook or the qualifications set forth in Articles IV, V & VI. Student Government Officers have the power to suspend the powers or place on probation any officer if that individual is in violation of the current student handbook or the qualifications set forth in the aforementioned articles. If any member of Student Government should act inappropriately as befitting his/her office, the Student Body President will preside over a Discipline Committee, which will consist of the Officers and the advisor. The committee will review matters of discipline of the Officer and make suggestions as to what actions should be taken. However, the final decision lies with the advisor and the administration.

Section 7: A member of Council may be impeached by a petition containing at least two-thirds of the signatures of the electing body, and reasonable grievances submitted to the administration.

ARTICLE VII – PLASTICITY OF THIS DOCUMENT

This Student Government reserves the right and upholds the responsibility to amend this document.

It is required by ratification of this document to change and reaffirm it at the beginning and end of each government year. Amendments may be brought forth at any time, but must receive a two-thirds vote to be heard and then a two-thirds vote to be implemented.

ARTICLE VIII – RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT

This document shall become the Constitution of the Student Government of GTCHS and shall go into effect when a two-thirds majority of the voting student body and a two-thirds vote by the faculty ratifies it. The Student Government of GTCHS shall propose amendments to the constitution that shall be valid only when ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Student Government Officers.