

Boyd County Schools Student Senate Articles

Article I: Name

The name of the organization for which this constitution shall serve as supreme law shall be known as the Boyd County Student Senate, or BCSS.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the BCSS shall be to establish closer cooperation between the faculty and student body of the Boyd County Schools; to establish standards of education, school spirit, and honor; to provide democratic government through representation of the student body; and to promote the general welfare of the school and the community.

Article III: Members

- Section 1: The BCSS shall be composed of the seven executive board officers, up to three other 8-12 grade-level Representatives, and faculty advisor(s).
- Section 2: Executive Board
 - The student body shall be represented by an elected executive board of officers, which shall be composed of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Manager, and Liaison Coordinator.
- Section 3: Liaisons
 - Liaisons shall be chosen to represent each grade level in grades 7-12. Liaisons will bring concerns, ideas, or complaints from their assigned class to their elected chief of staff who will then bring it to the appointed liaison manager of the executive committee of the BCSS.

Article IV: Expectations

- Section 1: Good Citizenship
 - In order to qualify for and maintain a position on the BCSS, a student must maintain a good citizenship record (no suspensions) during the school year. If a member is suspended from school during his/her term in office, he/she will be replaced by an alternate candidate.
 - All members of the BCSS are to abide by all school rules for student conduct; they are to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that brings credit to themselves as students and as representatives of Boyd County Schools.
 - All members are to conduct themselves in a way that evokes respect from teachers, other school personnel, peers, and the community both during and outside of school.
 - Any member of the BCSS who is caught using or in possession of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol during their term will be removed from office by the administration and will be replaced by an alternate.
- Section 2: Behavior/Attitude
 - A BCSS Student member is an example to the entire school. Because of this, a higher standard of behavior is expected of these student leaders. Students who fail to live up to these expectations may lose privileges and/or may no longer be a part of the BCSS. It is expected that:

- you will strive to be a good role model for other students at all times
 - you will put 100% effort into achieving our goals and making the year a success
 - you cooperate with one another and be courteous to everyone
 - you be on time or early for all meetings, fundraisers, and other events
 - you let a faculty advisor know if you cannot attend an event or if you must be late and why
 - if you have a problem or complaint, you will be up front about it and remain POSITIVE
 - you respect other people's right to have opinions different from your own and not put them down for believing in them
 - you will not abuse the privilege of being a member of BCSS
- These behaviors will be monitored on a demerit system. Any student receiving 4 or more demerits will be subject to consequences. Examples of demerit warranted actions include but are not limited to:
 - Student Senate members who are referred to the office
 - Student Senate members who do not attend senate sponsored events
 - Student Senate members who misbehave on campus
 - Student Senate member who do not attend BCSS meetings
 - Student Senate members who do not live up to the academic eligibility and integrity standards.
- Section 3: Academic eligibility and integrity
 - In order to maintain membership on the BCSS a student must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
 - Any Representative or Officer who fails to maintain his or her academic eligibility shall be placed on probation for one grading period. Reinstatement shall occur at the end of the grading period if academic eligibility is achieved. Failure to do so will result in replacement by an alternate.
 - Academic integrity is the commitment to and demonstration of honest and moral behavior in an academic setting. This includes but is not limited to dishonest behavior such as plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, and cheating.
- Section 4: Social Media Accounts
 - Members of the BCSS are solely responsible for what is posted to any social media sites. Social media may be monitored and there may be consequences for postings that do not reflect yourself, the BCSS, or the school in the best possible light.

Article V: Duties of Officers

- Section 1: The President
 - Preside at the meetings of the BCSS
 - Exercise one vote on each point before the BCSS
 - Shall have no power to veto any manner of action on a bill
 - Shall serve as the liaison to the Boyd County Board of Education
 - Shall have the power to call special meetings of the BCSS, with the approval of a faculty advisor
- Section 2: The Vice-President
 - Preside at meetings of the BCSS in the absence of the president. The Vice-president shall exercise one vote on each point before the BCSS

- When serving in the capacity of the president of the BCSS shall exercise all powers and authority of the office of president and shall be under all restraints of said office
- Function in any capacity as directed by the president
- Section 3: The Secretary
 - Make reports, in the form of minutes, for all business carried on for the previous meetings of the BCSS and shall present such minutes for approval at the next scheduled meeting of the BCSS
 - Exercise one vote on each point at issue before the BCSS
 - Be in charge of publishing bills that are to be voted upon by the BCSS. The Secretary shall publish or arrange to have others publish any documents of the BCSS and shall convey said documents to the point or points of distributions
 - Prepare all necessary correspondence between the BCSS and other organizations within the school or community. The Secretary shall maintain a file of such correspondence, which will be available to all members of the BCSS
 - Function in any capacity as directed by the president
- Section 4: The Treasurer
 - Work with the officers and the faculty advisor to prepare yearly, nine weeks, and individual activity budgets
 - Maintain complete and accurate records of expenditures and receipts of the BCSS and shall prepare a monthly accounting of business transactions of the BCSS
 - Maintain a file of receipts, records of expenditures and treasurer's reports of the BCSS
 - Exercise one vote on each point before the BCSS
 - Function in any capacity as directed by the president
- Public Relations (PR) Manager
 - Lead the communication and public relations of the BCSS
 - Actively promote student understanding of, and participation in the BCSS
 - Serve as the BCSS media relations coordinator
 - Inform campus and local media concerning the BCSS events, news, decisions, and policy
 - Work with the Spartan Media Team to promote planned activities and events
 - Assist faculty advisors in coordinating, developing, and maintaining the BCSS social media presence
 - Form a working relationship with the Boyd County administration and Board of Education
 - Manage the promoting of the BCSS brand
- Liaison Coordinator
 - Serves as the contact person between the executive committee and the liaison committee of the BCSS.
 - Builds and maintains mutually beneficial relationships between the liaison committee and the executive committee of the BCSS.
 - Facilitates communications and coordinates meetings with the BCSS president between the executive committee and the liaison committee.

Article VI: Meetings of the BCSS

- Section 1: Regular BCSS Meetings
 - The BCSS shall meet at least once per month during the school year. Meeting dates shall be approved by a faculty advisor.
 - A quorum of at least two-thirds of the BCSS must be present in order to transact business. A majority vote of representatives present is necessary for the passage of bills.
 - A faculty advisor or a substitute must be present at all meetings.
 - Regular meetings of the BCSS shall be conducted according to the following format: call to order, roll call, reading of the minutes, reports of officers and committees, old business, new business, miscellaneous, adjournment.

- Section 2: Special Meetings
 - The President approval of an advisor, a faculty advisor, or the principal may call Special Meetings of the BCSS.

- Section 3: Postponed or Canceled Meetings
 - Meetings, which have been postponed or canceled, may be rescheduled by the president with the approval of a faculty advisor.

I agree to conduct myself in a way that evokes respect from my teachers, other school personnel, peers, and the community both during and outside of school.

I agree to maintain good academic standing in all classes by maintaining a 3.0 or higher.

I understand that members must have and maintain a record of good citizenship throughout the entire term of office which includes attending and being on time to all meetings on a regular basis.

I understand that while social media has a large impact on advertising and the success of events, I am solely responsible for what is posted to my social media site. I realize that it may be monitored and there may be consequences for postings that do not reflect myself, my organization, or my school in the best possible light.

I understand this position is for the term of one academic school year and commit to fulfilling the term.

I understand that these are the expectations of Boyd County Student Senate and if I am unable to abide by the above agreements, I may be put on probationary status or removed and replaced by an alternate.

I understand that the Boyd County Student Senate may REQUIRE after school, evening and weekend attendance.

I, _____, hereby accept the responsibility of becoming an official member of the Boyd County Student Senate and will act accordingly.

X _____

Date _____

I, _____, have read and understand the above agreements. I also understand Boyd County Student Senate may REQUIRE after school, evening, and weekend attendance and give approval for my son/daughter to be a member.

X _____

Date _____