



Boyd County 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 six 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(s).
- 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 the appointed liaison coordinator(s) of the executive committee of the BCSS.

Article IV: Expectations

- Section 1: Good Citizenship
 - 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.



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- All members are to conduct themselves in a way that evokes respect from teachers, other school personnel, peers, and the community both during and after school hours.
- Any member of the BCSS who is caught using, or in possession of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or any other illegal substance during their term will be removed from office by the administration and will be replaced by an alternate candidate.
- Section 2: Behavior/Attitude
 - A BCSS 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 and be courteous to everyone
 - You be on time or early to all meetings, fundraisers, and other events
 - You let a faculty advisor know if you cannot attend an event, or if you will be late, as well as why
 - If you have a problem or a complaint, you will be upfront and remain positive
 - You respect others' right to their opinions
 - You will not abuse the privilege of being a BCSS member
 - These behaviors will be monitored on a point and demerit system. Any student receiving 3 demerits will be subject to consequences. Examples of demerits include, but are not limited to:
 - BCSS members who are referred to the office
 - BCSS members who do not attend Student Senate-sponsored events, without prior approval
 - BCSS members who misbehave on campus
 - BCSS members who do not attend meetings, without prior approval
 - BCSS members who do not live up to the academic eligibility and integrity standards
- Section 3: Academic eligibility and integrity
 - To maintain membership in the BCSS, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0



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- Any Representative of Office 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 a replacement by an alternate candidate.
- Academic integrity is the commitment to and demonstration of honest and moral behavior in an academic environment. 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 on 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 of 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, 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



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- Be in charge of publishing bills that are to be voted on 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
- Section 5: The Public Relations (PR) Manager
 - Leads the communication and public relations of 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 promotion of the BCSS brand
- Section 6: 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



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- Facilitates communication 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 the 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's approval of an advisor, a faculty advisor, or the principal may call Special Meetings of the BCSS
- Section 3: Postponed or Cancelled Meetings
 - Meetings which have been postponed or canceled may be rescheduled by the president with the approval of a faculty advisor

Article VII: Communication

- All communication between faculty advisors and BCSS members shall be through the following forms: Boyd County email, face-to-face in a professional manner, Remind, or any other school-approved communication app. It shall be known that Remind, and similar apps may not allow students to reply or initiate communication



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- BCSS members and faculty advisors shall not communicate by text messages, social media, or phone calls unless in need of an emergency. It shall be known that all other communication methods are to be used first by preference



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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 for all meetings regularly.

I understand that while social media greatly impacts advertising and the success of events, I am solely responsible for what is posted to my social media site. I acknowledge 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 the 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, _____, accept the responsibility of becoming an official member of the Boyd County Student Senate and will act accordingly.

X _____ Date _____

I, _____, parent or guardian of student above have read and understand the above agreements. I understand that Boyd County Student Senate may REQUIRE after-school, evening, and weekend attendance and approve my son/daughter as a member.

X _____ Date _____