

Weld Central High School
Student Council Constitution & Bylaws
Meetings are held every Tuesday morning at 7:50 am and additionally as needed

Student Council (StuCo) is a service and community based leadership club that promotes responsibility, social behavior, and academic success. StuCo plays a very active and functional role at Weld Central High School. Its purpose is NOT to govern the students, but rather act to serve as a liaison between the student body and their administrators. StuCo seeks to foster and strengthen school spirit and pride as well as to contribute back to their community. StuCo cultivates the development of involvement, confidence, and positive and appropriate values, all the while upholding the intent of service bonds of Weld Central High School and our community.

ARTICLE 1:

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be Weld Central High School Student Council.

Section 2: Membership

All registered students of Weld Central High School shall become members of the Student Council and are voting members of Student Council upon election to Office.

Section 3: Source and Extension of Power

Since the principal is directly responsible for the welfare of the school, it is expressly understood that powers herein delegated to the Student Government of the Student Council electorate are in whole subject to the advice and consent of the principal or his/her designee.

ARTICLE II: Organization of the Student Government

Section 1: Form of Government

The government of Weld Central High School shall be vested in the student body and a student council.

Section 2: Structure of the Student Government

The student government shall consist of the following bodies:

- A. Student Council (Executive and Class)
- B. All other bodies designated by the Student Council

ARTICLE III: Composition of the Bodies of Student Government

Section 1: Structure of the Student Council

The Student Council shall be comprised of all student body officers and class representatives. The Executive President (EP) shall be individually elected, cannot hold another office, and shall preside over all meetings. The Vice President (VP) shall preside over meetings if the EP is unavailable. The VP must also be individually elected and cannot hold another office.

Section 2: Structure of the Student Body per Class

The class shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian as well as all representatives designated by the time of the Student Council meeting.

Section 3: Structure of the Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of an Executive President, an Executive Vice President, Executive Secretary Executive Treasurer, and the underclass presidents will hold representative positions on the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV: Powers and Duties of Student Council

Section 1: The Powers and Duties of Student Council

- A. To give advice and consent to legislation for the regulation of students within the Student Body
- B. To consider all financial matters relating to StuCo
- C. To approve the spending of and allocation of StuCo funds of WCHS
- D. To assign jurisdiction among bodies of the Student Council, (committees and subcommittees) as it relates to StuCo obligations and responsibilities.
- E. To fill all vacancies of Student Body Officers by the means stated in the election rules.
- F. To interpret the meaning of the Constitution in case of dispute

G. To maintain communication between students and administration on matters concerning the general Student Body (i.e., curriculum issues, athletics, attendance, etc.)

H. All members shall have one vote on Student Council issues with two exceptions 1. The Executive President, who

shall only vote in the case of a tie and 2. Class Representatives are non-voting members.

Section 2: The Powers and Duties of the Student Class

A. To hold meetings when called by class advisor/president

B. To review the effectiveness of Student Council, form suggestions, and propose a course of action to be taken for

improvement.

C. To discuss any concerns of the Student Body, and initiate action through the Student Council.

Section 3: The Powers and Duties of the Student Executive Board

A. To hold and attend all regular and executive meetings.

B. To discuss agenda proposed by the Student Council, Student Executive Board, or any other Student organization that will affect the Student Body

C. To make the Student Body aware of all school activities

D. To provide the Student Body with all sides of an issue.

ARTICLE V: Powers and Duties of the Members of Student Council

Section 1: Powers and Duties of the Executive Board

The powers and duties of the executive board are as follows.

A. Executive President (EP)

1. To preside at all Student Council meetings

2. To call special meetings of the Executive Board when requested by the administration or advisor

B. Vice President (EVP)

1. To preside at all Student Council meetings when the EP is absent.

C. Executive Secretary (ES)

1. Assist Senior Class Secretary

2. To preside over meetings when both the EP and VP are absent

3. Record and preserve minutes of all Student Council and Executive Board meetings

4. In charge of relaying information to all Student Council members

5. Records attendance

D. Executive Treasurer (ET)

1. Assist Senior Class Treasurer

2. Keeps track of all matters concerning Student Council money

3. Works closely with the Central Service office, which handles Student Council money.

Section 2: All Members of the Council

A. To attend all meetings of the Student Council. If they cannot attend, they must report to an advisor in advance.

B. To present his/her views as well as those of his/her constituents

C. To report to his/her constituency the details of the council meetings and to hold a class vote if required by the Council

Section 3: Obligations of Student Council

Student Council members will have the opportunity to letter at the end of the year based on the meeting certain criteria (guidelines). The lettering process is based on a total point system. Each opportunity is worth a set amount of points. Obligations include but are not limited to homecoming week events, Trick-or-Treat street, Thanksgiving dinner deliveries, fundraising, elementary school activity support, and multiple opportunities for concessions at athletic events.

Section 4: Qualifications to Letter

A. Students must have officially joined Student Council by September 29, 2017.

B. All activities set forth by Student Council will have been completed within the 17/18 school year.

C. Complete and turn in the lettering packet to Student Council sponsors no later than April 30, 2018.

- D. The WCHS Code of Conduct must be followed all year long.
- E. All applicants must earn a minimum of 300 points to be eligible for lettering

Section 5: Qualifying Points to Letter

The following point system will be in place. Attendance at said events will be taken and verified with the Executive President and Executive Secretary.

- A. 5 points per meeting attended
- B. 30 points for EACH concession game worked
- C. 50 points for Homecoming set up
- D. 75 points for Homecoming tear-down
- E. 50 points for Trick-or-Treat Street
- F. 30 points for Thanksgiving dinner delivery
- G. 25 points for Christmas decorating
- H. 50 points for elementary school support
- I. 20 points for attending Teacher Appreciation Breakfast AND 50 points if you bring something
- J. Depending on the type of fundraiser 10 points per day OR 50 points for the entire fundraiser

ARTICLE VI: Student Council Elections

Section 1: Election Committee

The election committee shall consist of all outgoing (i.e. Seniors) involved in Student Council. The shall be in charge of all Student Body elections; no person involved with any candidate's campaign (brother, sister, friend, etc.) may serve in the election committee.

Section 2: Powers of the Election Committee

To present the Student Council with election procedures for approval prior to the first notice of election dates.

Section 3: Student Body Elections

A. Any member of the Student Body of WCHS who will be enrolled the subsequent semester may campaign for Student Council office, provided they meet the standards set by the election committee.

B. Election Procedures

1. All candidates shall submit a signed statement to the election committee declaring their intention to run for an office and all contracts of office when specified by the election committee.
2. All candidates who shall be placed on the final ballot will be given the opportunity to speak before an assembly of the entire student body, if possible.
3. All newly elected officers shall serve for one term, lasting one year. Officials can, and are, encouraged to run for office during following years, provided they are not graduating.
4. All other election procedures will be set by the Election Committee with Student Council approval on a yearly basis.

Section 4: Class Elections

A. Qualifications

1. Any member of a class may campaign for a class office provided they meet standards set by the election committee.

B. Election Procedures

1. Students shall sign-up with the election committee and complete all contracts as required.
2. All candidates shall be given the opportunity to speak before an assembly of their class.
3. A general election of each class shall be held when specified by the Election Committee.
4. All newly elected officers shall serve one term for one year. They are encouraged to run for reelection the following years.
5. All other rules governing the election will be submitted to the Election Committee and approved by the Student Council yearly.

Section 5: Exclusion

Any student expelled or suspended during the election time shall be denied the right to vote in the election.

ARTICLE VII: Initiative, Recall, and Removal from Office

Section I: Initiatives

On a written petition of 4 voting members of the Student Council or 2/3 members of the Student Body, the Student Council shall take immediate action on any matter of school interest referred by such a petition.

Section II: Recall (Student Council, Class, Executive Board)

Any officer, upon a petition of 25% of their constituents, shall be subject to a recall vote, which will be open to constituents. Before the recall vote, the officer in question will be given an opportunity to speak before an assembly of the constituents. A majority (51%) of the votes cast are required to remove an officer.

Section III: Removal from Office OR Discipline

A. Student Body officers, upon petition of 1/3 of the Student Council shall be subject to a vote to remove them from office.

B. The officer in question will be given an opportunity to speak before the Student Council.

C. A 2/3 vote (quorum) is required to remove the officer from office.

D. An out-of-school suspension could potentially be cause for the removal of the officer from Student Council.

E. A discipline or attendance issue may result in not being able to participate for the week.

F. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.50 or better. Students that fail to meet that expectation will be placed on academic probation for a marking period, at which time they will be required to bring their GPA up a 2.0. Failure to do so could result in removal from office.

G. Officers may be removed by the advisor and/or administration at any time for violations of the signed student code of conduct.

H. Students having missed three meetings (unexcused) will be removed from office.

I. Not more than 5 days after an officer has been removed, a committee appointed by the Student Council must select, by interview, a person to fill the vacant office. If the EP is impeached, the VP fills the spot and every other

Executive Board member slides up an office.

J. If an officer chooses to leave the club for reasons other than those previously listed, a letter of resignation must be

submitted to an advisor prior to the withdrawal. Stating the reason(s) for leaving. If same said student chooses to

run again the next year, a vote with quorum will be required for student to re-enter the election.

K. An impeached officer may not run for any other office which is part of the Student Council for that school year and the next school year.

ARTICLE VIII: By-laws

The Student Council is empowered to write all appropriate procedures and regulations necessary to carry out the letter and spirit of the constitution.

ARTICLE IX: Amending Constitution

An amendment to the Constitution may be proposed and discussed at a regular meeting of the Student Council. A 2/3 vote (quorum) is required to accept the amendment. The proposed amendment will be presented to the faculty and administration for discussion. The proposed announcement will be adequately publicized two weeks before the vote is held. A 2/3 vote (quorum) is required by the Student Council to carry the amendment. Upon passage, it will be added to the existing constitution.

ARTICLE X: Ratification of the Constitution

The ratification by a majority of the Student Council in a general vote shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution as the governing instrument for Weld Central High School Student Council.

