

Carroll County
Student Government Association
Constitution

Preamble

We, the students of the Carroll County Student Government Association, in order to promote inter-school relations, provide ideas for member student governments, initiate and promote improvements and activities for the general wellbeing of the students of Carroll County Public Schools, provide opportunities for students to share their opinions with other students and the Carroll County Board of Education, do ordain and establish this constitution.

Article I: Name and Affiliation

Section 1 - The name of this organization shall be Carroll County Student Government Association, herein referred to as the Association or CCSGA.

Section 2 - The official abbreviation of the Carroll County Student Government Association shall be CCSGA.

Section 3- The Association shall derive all of its power and authority from member student governments and their constitutions.

Section 4- The Association shall maintain cooperation and affiliation with the Carroll County Board of Education and community and leadership organizations.

Article II: The General Assembly

Section 1- The General Assembly shall be comprised of the following:

- A. Elected and appointed officials of the Association.
- B. Delegates from member schools.
- C. Elected officials of the Maryland Association of Student Councils attending public schools in Carroll County.

Section 2- The General Assembly shall have the ability to:

- A. Enact legislation.
- B. Appropriate and secure funds.
- C. Impeach and try officers, as referred to in article eight.
- D. Expel or suspend member Student Governments.
- E. Elect officers.
- F. Amend the current constitution or ratify a new one.
- G. Act on all official business of the Association.

Section 3- All powers not specifically granted to the Executive Board by this constitution shall be granted to the General Assembly.

Article III: Attendance and Voting

Section 1- High Schools

A. Each high school may send up to twenty-five voting delegates to CCSGA General Assembly meetings.

Section 2- Middle Schools

A. Each middle school may send up to ten voting delegates to CCSGA General Assembly meetings.

Section 3- Alternative Schools

a. Each alternative school may send up to ten voting delegates to CCSGA General Assembly meetings

Article IV: Elected Officer Qualifications

Section 1- The President

A. Must be a member of either the junior or senior class during the term of office.

B. Must have at least one year of membership in the General Assembly prior to election.

C. May hold office for more than one year.

D. May not be the President or Vice-President of a member Student Government.

E. Must abide by the Carroll County Eligibility Regulations for Extracurricular Activities.

Section 2- The Vice President

A. Must be a member of either the sophomore, junior, or senior during the term of office.

B. Must have at least one year of membership in the general assembly prior to election

C. May hold office for more than one year.

D. May not be the President or Vice-President of a member Student Government.

E. Must abide by the Carroll County Eligibility Regulations for Extracurricular Activities.

Section 3- The Secretary

A. Must have at least one year of membership in the General Assembly prior to election.

B. May hold office for more than one year.

C. May not be the President or Vice-President of a member Student Government.

D. Must abide by the Carroll County Eligibility Regulations for Extracurricular Activities.

Section 4 - The Second Vice-President

A. Must be in the eighth grade during the term of office.

B. Must abide by the Carroll County Eligibility Regulations for Extracurricular Activities.

Article V: Nominations and Elections of Officers

Section 1 - Yearly elections shall be held for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Second Vice-President.

Article VI: Staff Appointments

Section 1 - The President of the Association may appoint staff as needed.

Article VII: Executive Board Duties

The authority of the Association shall be vested in a President and an Executive Board, consisting of the officers of the Association enumerated in this Article.

Section 1 - The President of the Association shall:

- A. Be elected for a one year term and shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
- B. Serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Board and General Assembly and delegate authority as deemed necessary.
- C. Call regular meetings of the Executive Board with the consent of the advisor.
- D. Be responsible for reporting on behalf of the Carroll County Student Government Association at the monthly meetings of the Carroll County Board of Education.
- E. Not have a vote in either the Executive Board or the General Assembly, except in the case of a tie.

Section 2 - The Vice-President of the Association shall:

- A. Be elected for a one year term and assume all duties of the President when he/she is unable to discharge those duties.
- B. Assist the President in all activities of the Association.
- C. Perform any additional duties as assigned by the President.
- D. Be entitled one vote at all meetings.

Section 3 – The Secretary of the Association shall:

- A. Assume the duties of the President when both the President and the Vice-President are unable to discharge those duties.
- B. Maintain the roll and all correspondence of the Association.
- C. Record and distribute the minutes of the Executive Board and General Assembly meetings.
- D. Perform any additional duties assigned by the President of the Association.
- E. Be entitled one vote at all meetings.

Section 4 – The Second Vice-President of the Association shall:

- A. Be elected to serve a one year term.
- B. Act as the official liaison between member middle schools of the Association and the Executive Board.
- C. Aid regional middle school representatives in the development of middle school programs within that region.
- D. Serve as a voting member on the MASC Executive Board.
- E. Perform any additional duties assigned by the President of the Association.
- F. Be entitled one vote at all meetings.

Section 5 - The School Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall:

- A. Present any appraisals, complaints, or any other matters of importance to the Executive Board and/or General Assembly.
- B. Attend all Executive Board and General Assembly meetings of the Association.
- C. Inform the Association of all local Student Government activities.

- D. Inform their home school delegation of meetings of the Association.
- E. Prepare their facilities for Association meetings held at their school.
- F. Be entitled one vote at all meetings.

Article VIII: The Student Representative on the Board of Education
and the Student Representative Elect

Section 1 - Election of the Student Representative Elect

- A. The student representative elect shall be elected by the Association.

Section 2 - The Student Representative Elect shall:

- A. Attend all Executive Board and General Assembly meetings of the Association as a non-voting officer along with monthly Board of Education meetings.
- B. Collaborate with the Student Representative on the Board of Education.
- C. Serve for a term to shadow the current Student Member.

Section 3 - The Student Representative to the Board of Education shall:

- A. Voice the opinions and the needs of the students of Carroll County to the Board of Education by attending the monthly meetings of the Board of Education.
- B. Attend all Executive Board and General Assembly meetings of the Association as a non-voting officer.
- C. Participate to the fullest extent in the actions and deliberations of the Board of Education.
- D. Collaborate with the Student Representative Elect.
- E. Represent the Association at meetings of the Maryland Association of Student Councils.
- F. Represent the Association at the meetings of the Maryland Association of Student Board Members.

Article IX: The Executive Board

The President has the authority to bring the Association's Executive Board together as a voting body to act on behalf of the General Assembly when it is not convened in general session and cannot be convened in a timely fashion. When acting on behalf of the General Assembly, the Executive Board has the power to enact legislation, make appropriations, and secure funds. The Executive Board, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, may adopt and resolve among itself any indecisive assembly issue that it sees fit. The Executive Board retains the authority to modify and ratify the bylaws of the Association. All elected and appointed members of the Executive Board, excluding the President, the Student Member, and the Student Member Elect, are entitled one vote at all meetings of the Executive Board.

Article X: Resignation and Removal from Office

Section 1 - Resignation of the President

The President shall signify his/her intentions in letters to the Advisor and Vice-President with the date resignation is to become effective.

Section 2 - Resignation of all other officers

The resigning officer shall signify his/her intentions in a letter to the President and the Advisor of the Association.

Section 3 - Removal from office

Any member of the Executive Board may be removed from office for failure to fulfill mandatory qualifications or failure to perform his/her duties as stated in Articles III and Article V.

Article XI: Vacancies in Office

Section 1 - The office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President.

Section 2 - The office of Student Member Elect shall be filled in the same manner it is chosen.

Section 3 - The offices of Vice-President, Secretary, and Second Vice-President shall be filled by Presidential appointment and must be approved by a simple majority of the Executive Board.

Section 4 - All other positions shall be filled in the same manner as they were originally chosen.

Article XII: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1 - The Parliamentary law of the CCSGA shall be governed by those principles set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition unless those principles come into conflict with a governing act or document of the Association.

Article XIII: Constitutional Amendments

Section 1- Amendments to the constitution must be pre-filed by presentation before the Executive Board. The Executive Board will review the proposed amendment for clarity, artistry, understanding, and fluency. A legislative work session will be held during the following General Assembly meeting. Delegates may openly debate the amendment in question, and then the General Assembly shall vote on approval or denial. Amendments to the constitution must receive a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly.

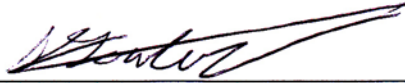
Section 2- The Executive Board, while reviewing the proposed amendment, has the power to deny its movement to the General Assembly.

Section 3 - For consistency in technical areas the President shall appoint, when he/she deems it necessary, a person to review the Constitution and make any changes needed for the document to be grammatically correct, provided that the intent of the clause is not changed. Any such changes must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article XIV: Ratification

The Constitution of the Carroll County Student Government Association shall be ratified and shall come into full effect upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly.


Ratified by unanimous consent of the General Assembly and ratified this twenty third day of May, two thousand twelve.



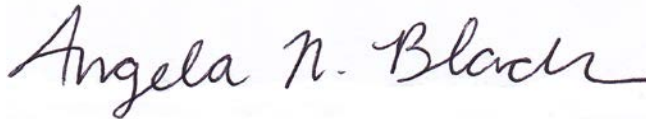
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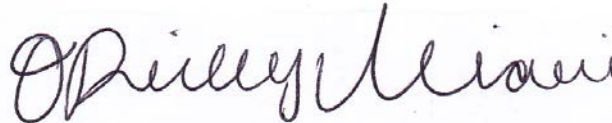
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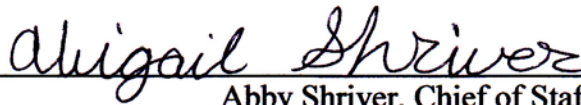
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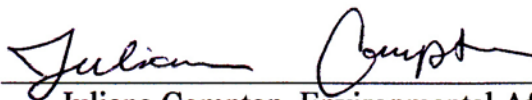
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