Student Governance

Student Union of Nevada State High School Constitution

This school policy is intended to give clarification from the school's Governing Body on those things that include, but are not limited to, student governance. The Governing Body uses school policy to clarify regulatory items or provide position on the intended functions of the school.

Article I. Introduction and Status

Section 1.01 The name of this organization shall be: "The Student Union of Nevada State High School." (Hereinafter referred to as the "SUNSHS").

Article II. General Purpose

Section 2.01 As the official representative of the student body. SUNSHS shall:

(a) Promote a greater degree of unity, respect, spirit, and cooperation among students, faculty, staff, and administration.

(b) Offer and oversee activities for furthering the academic, social, and personal growth of the student body.

(c) Represent to the faculty and administration the concerns of the student body regarding academic and disciplinary policies.

(d) Consult with the appropriate policy-making administrators regarding school policies and guidelines.

Section 2.02 The specific delegated responsibilities of the SUNSHS shall be to:

(a) Serve as the official representative of the student body to the faculty and administration.

(b) Act as consultants to the faculty and administration concerning all matters of student life.

(c) Promote school spirit and unity by sponsoring a variety of events.

(d) Work in conjunction with the designated Advisor of SUNSHS concerning all matters of club budgets, events, and the establishment of an activities calendar for each academic year.

Article III. Governance Structure

Section 3.01 All Nevada State High School students are welcome to join committee meetings such as Homecoming/Prom, Yearbook, or The INC to fulfill the service hours requirement at Nevada State High School.

Section 3.02 The SUNSHS Executive Board shall consist of four Student Body Officers selected annually by the Advisor in the spring semester.

(a) Student Body President

- Leads all SUNSHS meetings
- Leads Transitions and COMPASS representatives in meetings and activities
- Serves as the primary point of contact for all officers seeking information
- Organizes social events to guarantee SUNSHS representation at each event and manages the sign-up process
- Responsible for managing the NSHS student union accounts in collaboration with the marketing department at NSHS

(b) Student Body Vice - President (Chair of the Homecoming/Prom Committee)

- Assists in the facilitation of meetings in the absence of the Student Body President
- Oversees the Homecoming and Prom committees
- Oversees the Peer Relationship representatives in meetings and activities
- Serves as a replacement for the Student Body President when necessary
- Assists in managing social media accounts

(c) Historian (Chair of the Yearbook Committee)

- Responsible for overseeing the Yearbook Committee
- Ensures that photos are taken at all events
- Delegates committee members to different events and yearbook pages
- Serves as the primary editor of all photos

(d) Secretary (Chair of The INC)

- Oversees the INC
- Assigns INC articles
- Main editor of the INC

Section 3.03 SUNSHS shall consist of additional officers in roles that service the student body.

(a) COMPASS Representatives

- Foster school spirit among senior and COMPASS students
- Collaborate with the Student Body President to organize activities designed to help senior and COMPASS students enjoy their last year of high school and encourage increased socialization
- May also assist in organizing volunteer opportunities
- Reports to the Student Body President

(b) Transitions Representatives

- Foster school spirit among first year students
- Collaborate with the Student Body President to organize activities designed to help first year students feel welcomed and encourage increased socialization during Transitions
- Create activities for students to enjoy during Transitions breaks and lunches
- Reports to the Student Body President

(c) Peer Relationship Representatives

- Create fun and engaging events for specifically SUNSHS members to grow closer
- Reports to the Student Body Vice President

(d) Campus Representatives

- Decorate campus with other representatives or SUNSHS members
- Attend social events hosted at your campus to help NSHS staff
- Encourage engagement at social events
- Reports directly to Advisor

Article IV. Removal from SUNSHS

Section 4.01 A student shall voluntarily remove themselves from SUNSHS or any committee should any of following conditions exist:

(a) Failing to maintain active enrollment at the school location which you are currently representing.

(b) Failing to remain in “good standing” as defined by the student handbook (excluding first semester officers).

(c) Lacking to fulfill duties by excessive absences at meetings and/or events.

(d) Upholding a high moral and behavioral code: if insubordination, harassment, defiance of school rules or the school’s core values are committed, then it may result in removal of position.

Section 4.02 The SUNSHS Advisor reserves the right to remove individuals at any time from SUNSHS or any committee should any of the following exist:

(a) Refusing to voluntarily remove themselves under Section 5.01 above.

(b) Lacking honor, misrepresentation, disrespect, or the like. Students that wish to appeal their case shall be automatically placed on probation, their accounts suspended, and removed from participation until such time that the school’s complaint process is complete.

Article V. Vacancies

Section 5.01 In the event of a vacancy for any SUNSHS position, the Advisor and Executive Board will vote and discuss fulfillment of said position.

Article VI. Advisor Responsibilities

Section 6.01 The Advisor for SUNSHS shall:
(a) Serve as a moderator for SUNSHS and as the liaison between the SUNSHS and the Faculty, Administration and Staff regarding all issues that affect the student body as a whole.
(b) Manage the Student Activities Budget by working closely with SUNSHS concerning the appropriate and timely distribution of funds and other resources.
(c) Request a decision from the Marketing & Operations Director to spend SUNSHS funds if a timely decision to spend is necessary.
(d) Oversee the Executive and SUNSHS application process.
(e) Provide training and guidance on board governance, meetings, and interpretation of this Constitution.
(f) Complete biweekly check-ins with all SUNSHS Officers.
(g) Ability to approve or disapprove any SUNSHS event or activity and define the necessary participation at required events.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 7.01 SUNSHS Meetings will be held monthly for social events set up, volunteer work, SUNSHS meetings, committee responsibilities, and other duties assigned.
Section 7.02 Committee and campus meetings may take place without the Advisors presence. Attendance at meetings must be recorded by the appointed leader of the group such as an Executive Board member. Failure to submit attendance 24 hours after the meeting will result in the hours being forfeited.

Article VIII. School Regulations

Section 8.01 As a representative student organization of Nevada State High School, all decisions and actions must be in conformance with Nevada State High School's governance policies, regulations, procedures, practice, strategic framework, and overall spirit and intent of the school as a whole.

Article IX. Ratification Section

Section 9.01 This Constitution shall go into effect beginning June 1st for the fall semester of the 2026-2027 academic year. This Constitution shall serve as both the empowerment instrument and as the guideline for SUNSHS.

Article X. Membership

Section 10.01 I have read and understand the SUNSHS Constitution. I will adhere to the rules and regulations outlined in this Constitution for the 2026-2027 academic year.

SUNSHS Member Position: _____

SUNSHS Member Signature: _____ Date:_____

SUNSHS Advisor Signature:_____ Date:_____