

**SONORAN TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL  
CONSTITUTION**  
Cave Creek, AZ  
CCUSD

**Article I  
Name**

The name of this organization is the Student Council of Sonoran Trails Middle School.

**Article II  
Purpose**

The purpose of the Student Council of Sonoran Trails Middle School shall be:

1. To bring about closer cooperation between the faculty and the student body as representatives of the student body;
2. To cooperate with the administration with problems concerning the school and the student body;
3. To promote in each individual of SONORAN TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL a desire for good citizenship based on democratic processes;
4. To create and maintain school interest, school spirit, and loyalty;
5. To provide a forum for student concerns.

**Article III  
Membership**

Section A

Qualifications for Membership:

1. All representatives of the Student Council must have and maintain an average of 80 or above in all classes.
2. The representative should exhibit the willingness to work and a desire for the organization to succeed.
3. The representative should practice good citizenship, scholarship, and leadership.
4. The representative must accrue *no more than one detention* for each semester for the 2014-2015 school year.
5. The representative should not have acquired a short-term ISS, an In-School Suspension (ISS) or an Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) within the school year.

Section B

1. Each representative should attend all meetings of the council, and representatives may be removed from the Student Council if he/she misses three meetings without presenting reasonable excuses to a Student Council advisor **prior** to the meeting.
2. Each representative shall attempt to express the desires and opinions of the students he/she represents.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Organization**

#### Section A

##### Officers:

1. Student Council will have the following officers which will serve in leadership capacity and help preside over the student council general assembly: President, Vice President, Secretary, and 2 Historians.

#### Section B

##### Qualifications of Officers

1. All officers must have and maintain a grade of 80 or above for all subjects.
2. Leaders must accrue *no more than one* detention for each semester for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. The leaders should not have acquired a short-term ISS, an In-School Suspension (ISS) or an Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) within the school year.
4. The office of President may only be filled by an **8<sup>th</sup> grade student**.
5. The office of Vice President and Secretary may only be filled by a **7<sup>th</sup> grade or 8<sup>th</sup> grade** student.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Election of Leaders**

#### Section A

Prior to officer elections, Student Council members will be afforded the opportunity to self-nominate for various officer positions. Upon nomination, each candidate must agree to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office being sought. These duties and responsibilities are set forth by the Student Council Sponsors. These nominations will be placed on a ballot and voted upon secretly by all current Student Council members.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Meetings**

#### Section A

The Council with representatives shall meet no less than twice a month. Meetings will be announced during morning announcements and they will be posted on the Student Council bulletin board. This schedule may change if the Council and its advisors elect to do so.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Grade Reports**

#### Section A

All members of the Sonoran Trails Middle School Student Council will be required to present a copy of their report card to Mrs. Chmura within one week of the grades being distributed each quarter.

#### Section B

If any member does not meet the desired grade requirements for the office position held, he/she will be placed on academic probation until the next grading period. This will require said individual to submit a copy of their following progress report to the advisor(s) as well. Failure to bring up the grade by the next grading period may result in **removal** from the Council.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Dismissal of Members**

Section A

Members may be dismissed from the council if they have missed three meetings without good cause, if they have accrued more than one detention per semester or if they receive ISS, OSS or short-term ISS during the school year.

Section B

Members will be notified of their dismissal by their Student Council Advisor (s).

**ARTICLE IX**

Vacancies

Section A

If a Student Council Officer is removed for any reason, the Student Council General Assembly will appoint a new officer from within the General Assembly.

**Student Council Constitution**  
**Letter of Receipt and Compliance**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, have thoroughly heard and understand the Sonoran Trails Middle School Student Council Constitution. I promise to adhere to the requirements and responsibilities conveyed within this Constitution to the best of my ability.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_