**Student Council Constitution of**

**Navo Middle School, Denton ISD**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the students and sponsor(s) of Navo Middle School Student Council, along with the guidance and approval of the administration of Navo Middle School, do hereby attest that this document is the guide by which the organization of Navo Middle School Student Council is operated.

**ARTICLE I- NAMES**

The organization governed by this document is the Navo Middle School Student Council, referred to from hereafter as Navo Student Council, Student Council, Navo StuCo, or StuCo.

**ARTICLE II- GENERAL PURPOSE**

The Navo Student Council is responsible for encouraging school spirit and community, serving as leaders and examples both within the school and throughout the community, and for organizing and exercising a link between the students of Navo Middle School, the teachers and administrators of Navo Middle School, and the community around them.

**ARTICLE III- ITEMS OF AUTHORITY**

This section herein describes the activities for which StuCo has authority to plan, develop and implement within the school and community. The principal/ administration may veto or offer alternatives on any activity or procedure which they feel may not be in the best interest of the school’s general population for reasons including, but not limited to, disruption of instructional activities, financial costs, or transportation issues.

Section 1: Items of Shared Authority

1. Dances and Social Events
2. Organization and chartering of new clubs
3. School morale and pride
4. Schedule of activities and meetings
5. Charity drives and fundraisers
6. Promoting citizenship and leadership
7. Fundraising
8. Safety Education
9. Student-faculty relations and communication
10. New student/ 6th grade orientation
11. Assemblies

Section 2: Items of Exclusive Authority

1. Assigned school projects
2. Staff appreciation
3. Publicity for related functions
4. Council meetings
5. Evaluation of projects
6. Evaluation of StuCo constitution
7. Reports to various boards when applicable
8. Student attitude and involvement
9. Organizational committees
10. Spirit week

**ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: All students in grade 6,7, and 8 shall have the opportunity to participate in student council.

Section 2: Students entering grade 7 or 8 may fill out an application that must be signed by their parent and teachers the last six weeks of the year or during the first six weeks of the following year. All students may apply for membership to student council after the first six weeks.

Section 3: In order to maintain membership students must obtain at least 16 points per six weeks. If the 16 points are not obtained then the student will be put on probation for one six weeks. If points are still not obtained they will be removed from student council.

Section 4: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer , Historian and the Parliamentarian will be elected by the incoming 8th grade class. A representative from both 6th and 7th grade will be elected at the start of the school year. All officers must attend weekly officer meetings in addition to weekly general membership meetings.

**ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND SPONSORS**

Section 1: The officers shall have the following responsibilities and duties

1. President
	1. Assist sponsor in leading Student Council meetings
	2. Attend all Student Council meetings
	3. Assist sponsor in implementing Student Council events and activities
	4. Call meetings to order
2. Vice-President
	1. Take the place of the president as requested at school functions should the President be unable to attend.
	2. Attend all Student Council meetings
	3. Assist sponsor in implementing Student Council events and activities
	4. Replace the President if the President changes schools or is removed due to grades or behavior.
3. Secretary
	1. Assist the sponsor in maintaining Student Council member’s points
	2. Attend all Student Council meetings
	3. Take the minutes of each meeting
	4. Assist sponsor in implementing Student Council events and activities
4. Treasurer
	1. Attend all Student Council meetings
	2. Assist the sponsor in collecting all monies
	3. Assist sponsor in implementing Student Council events and activities
5. Historian
	1. Attend all Student Council meetings
	2. Keep a written and pictorial history of the Student Council
	3. Assist sponsor in implementing Student Council events and activities
6. Parliamentarian
	1. Assist sponsor in implementing Student Council events and activities
	2. Keep order during the meetings
	3. Assist in ensuring all members are heard
7. 7th and 6th Grade Representative
	1. Be a voice for the 6th and 7th grade
	2. Assist sponsor in implementing Student Council events and activities

Section 2: Elections

1. Elections for Officers shall take place in the Spring of each year
2. Any enrolled 7th grade students who is an active member of the Student Council may

complete the required petition necessary to be placed on the ballot

1. Copies of the petition will be made available in the sponsor’s room
2. Students will have 3 days to complete the petition. The petition must
	1. Include the petitioning student’s name, grade ID number and chose office
	2. Have 24 original signatures from currently enrolled Navo Middle School 7th grade students
	3. Have signatures/recommendations from five teachers
	4. Each of the petitioners current teachers must verify that the petitioner did not fail the class for any six weeks
	5. Be turned in on the designated due date
3. Approved petitions will result in the student’s name being placed on the ballot
4. Within three school days after the petition deadline, the sponsor will inform petitioning

students of the campaign rules. Students who are disqualified due to conduct or grades will be notified.

1. Speeches will be given the day before voting in the cafeteria during 7th grade lunch
2. Students will vote the following day by scantron for each office.
3. Scantrons will be tabulated within three days of voting. Vote totals will be verified by at least one other teacher. Those chosen will be announced during the 7th period announcements

**ARTICLE VI - REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

Section 1: Any officer or member may be removed from office or council if one or more of the following occurs

1. The Officer or member receives a grade below 70 on any six weeks report card
	1. If this happens the officer or member will be placed on probation for six weeks until the grade is raised to a 70 or above.
	2. While on probation, the officer or member will not be allowed to participate in Student Council events.
2. The Officer or Student Council member receives an out-of-school suspension by an administrator or receives more than two in-school suspensions assignments during the school year.
	1. If this occurs, the officer or member will be permanently removed from the Student Council rolls and will not be allowed to attend Student Council meetings or participate as a Student Council Member.

**ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS**

This constitution can be amended by both a two-thirds vote of the Student Council and the approval of the sponsor and principal.