

Constitution of the Midway High School Young Democrats

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Statement of Inclusion

Midway ISD prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any student on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by law.

Article I: Objectives of the Club

To represent the Democratic students of the Midway High School student body.

To educate students and members of the community about the positions held by the Democratic Party.

To broadly educate students and members of the community about the political process.

To aid local and national Democratic candidates in elections.

To provide a voice for all of those who seek one through the Democratic Party.

To better aid our surrounding communities as is promoted by the Democratic Party.

Article II: Affiliations

While Midway High School Young Democrats is not currently a recognized chapter of an umbrella organization, we are currently seeking membership as a recognized chapter of Young Democrats of America.

Article III: Official Principles

The Midway High School Young Democrats shall promote the platform of the Democratic National Committee as its principals and ideals.

“America is an idea—one that has endured and evolved through war and depression, prevailed over fascism and communism, and radiated hope to far distant corners of the earth. Americans believe that diversity is our greatest strength. That protest is among the highest forms of patriotism. That our fates and fortunes are bound to rise and fall together. That even when we fall short of our highest ideals, we never stop trying to build a more perfect union.”

—Democratic National Committee

Article IV: Membership

The criteria for becoming a member of Midway High School Young Democrats is as follows:

One must be a current student of Midway High School.

One must pay all required dues. These dues will consist of a \$5 yearly payment.

At the beginning of every school year, members must renew their membership with the Midway High School Young Democrats by paying all required dues.

Article V: Revoking of Membership

Only the sponsor(s) have the authority to revoke the membership of a member.

One will be revoked of their membership if they commit one or more of the following offenses:

Violate the MISD Student Code of Conduct in a way that causes the member to be sent to DAEP.

Fail to meet obligations as required by the sponsor(s).

Article VI: Meetings

The Midway High School Young Democrats shall meet no less than once per month.

The club must have at least half of its membership present for a meeting to be classified as official.

An official meeting is defined as one in which any club or organization decisions are formally discussed or decided by club membership.

Article VII: Officers

Section I: President

The President shall be designated as the chief executive of the club as well as the representative to any and all organizations in contact with the Midway High School Young Democrats. The President shall also be responsible for overseeing the execution of

commonplace responsibilities of the club; these commonplace responsibilities include running meetings as well as anything designated by the sponsor(s). The President will have access to any and all social media sites and/or accounts held by the Midway High School Young Democrats.

Section II: Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the case of their absence; should neither the Vice President or President be able to attend a meeting either virtually or in person, the meeting shall not be held and cannot be regarded as official. The Vice President shall also be designated as the chief assistant in the running of the organization. The Vice President will have access to any and all social media sites and/or accounts held by the Midway High School Young Democrats.

Section III: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep record of all official meetings. These records shall include attendance, minutes, and any other records requested to be kept by the sponsor(s), President, or Vice President. The Secretary shall also be responsible for communication to members in ways requested by the sponsor(s), President, or Vice President. The Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance and running of social media sites and accounts.

Section IV: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the oversight and accounting of the finances of the organization. The Treasurer is also responsible for assisting in any way asked of them by the sponsor(s) or any other officer.

Section V: Vacancies

In the case that a vacancy arises after the departure of an elected officer, the President shall appoint a member to occupy the position until an election can be held. This special election must take place within four weeks of the departure of the elected officer. The appointed officer is eligible to run for that seat. In the case of the departure of the President, the Vice President shall assume the role of President, and then they shall appoint a new Vice President. Both seats shall go up for a special election.

Section VI: Elections

Voting for officer positions shall take place in the meeting following the initial interest meeting at the beginning of every school year. Candidates shall produce a two minute speech, either in person or in a recorded video format. Voting is to be done in closed ballot format. Any member

may vote only once. In the event of a tie, the sitting President, Vice President, and Secretary shall vote to break the tie.

Article IX: Amendments

Any amendment made to this constitution must be presented by a member and shall be added to the constitution given a two-thirds vote by all members and any approval necessary from school authorities and/or the sponsor(s).