

# WASC Constitution

## Preamble

The Washington Association of Student Councils exists to promote the cause of student participation in the school community; encourage development of new student councils; assist student governments to become more effective in school and community; organize local Interhigh associations of student governments; and provide leadership training and support to student leaders and advisers.

### Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Washington Association of Student Councils.

### Article II—Authority

Section 1. The Washington Association of Student Councils (WASC) has been delegated power and authority by the Student Leadership Committee of the Washington Association of Secondary School Principals (WASSP) to be the coordinating and advisory group to Washington State high school student bodies.

Section 2. All major policy actions of the Washington Association of Student Councils must be approved by the Student Leadership Committee of WASSP.

### Article III—Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to all secondary schools, public and private, in the State of Washington.

Section 2. Membership in the Association shall be high school member schools and middle level member schools.

Section 3. Upon payment of dues, member schools are eligible for all of the benefits available to their classification of membership.

### Article IV—Structure of the Association

Section 1. The Association shall be represented by Chartered Interhighs.

Section 2. Legislative power of the Association shall be vested in the WASC Board comprised of represented by Chartered Interhighs.

Section 3. Executive power of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The officers of the Association shall be elected by the WASC Board.

### Article V—Chartered Interhighs

Section 1. A Chartered Interhigh shall contain a minimum of five schools.

- a. Exceptions may be granted by the WASC Director.
- b. The exceptions granted will be based solely on geographic isolation.

Section 2. A Chartered Interhigh shall have a constitution or a set of rules and regulations.

Section 3. A Chartered Interhigh must meet a minimum of three times per school year.

Section 4. Schools who are not members of an Interhigh are responsible to either create a Chartered Interhigh or join one in their geographic location in order to gain representation on the WASC Board.

Section 5. Interhigh organizations must file a charter application annually with the WASC Director.

### Article VI—Representation to the WASC Board

Section 1. WASC Student Representatives shall serve a two-year

term.

Section 2. Each Chartered Interhigh shall have one Student Representative to the WASC Board.

Section 3. Chartered Interhighs with nine or more schools are entitled to a second Student Representative to the WASC Board.

Section 4. If a Chartered Interhigh has two Student Representatives, one must be a senior and one must be a junior.

Section 5. If a Chartered Interhigh has only one WASC Board Student Representative, the WASC Director will initially assign that Interhigh to have either a junior or senior WASC Board Student Representative to maintain a balance of experience.

Section 6. It is the responsibility of the Chartered Interhigh to determine how their WASC Board Student Representatives are selected.

Section 7. WASC Board Student Representatives must be selected from WASC member schools.

Section 8. Adult members are ESD Representatives or their designates on the Student Leadership Committee of the Washington Association of Secondary School Principals.

Section 9. Additional members of the Council may be authorized by the WASC Board because of geographic size or student population as provided for in the WASC By-Laws.

### Article VII—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be WASC President, WASC Vice President, Senior Representative to the State Board of Education, Junior Representative to the State Board of Education, Public Relations Committee Chair, Special Projects Committee Chair, WASC Secretary, and WASC Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall include WASC President, WASC Vice President, Senior Representative to the State Board of Education, Junior Representative to the State Board of Education, and WASC Director.

Section 3. The WASC Director shall be the adult adviser to WASC.

### Article VIII—Meeting

Section 1. Regular meetings. A minimum of three meetings of the Representative Leadership Council shall be held each year.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee when they deem necessary.

### Article IX—Adoption and Amendments

Section 1. A two-thirds vote of the present membership of the WASC Board shall be required to amend this Constitution.

Section 2. Two weeks written notice shall be required to all members of the WASC Board before an amendment can be considered.

*Adopted April 23, 1996*