

Constitution and Bylaws
of the
Black Student Union
Coral Reef Senior High School
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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Black Student Union will serve as an organization that fosters student development through: diversity, academics, community service projects, and community outreach initiatives. We will commit to establishing unity among the student body of Coral Reef High School. We will build cultural awareness and appreciation of African-American issues, culture/history and opportunities for advancement in society.

PREAMBLE:

We, the students of Coral Reef Senior High School, will be model students academically and socially amongst the student body.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Black Student Union. After this official naming, it may be called the BSU.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The Black Student Union of Coral Reef Senior High strives to achieve the following goals and purposes:

- 1) To educate the community of Coral Reef Senior High about the culture and heritage of African-Americans.
- 2) To increase the membership of both majority and minority members of the organization.
- 3) To promote unity amongst the Coral Reef Senior High African-American Community.
- 4) Educate students about the variety of post secondary options, including but not limited to, Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

A.) Membership Qualifications:

Any active member of the Coral Reef Senior High student body can join.

B.) Membership Duties:

- 1) Attend Black Student Union Meetings.
- 2) Pay a non-refundable \$10 membership fee
- 3) Be a member of at least one standing committee of their choice.
- 4) Perform the functions and obligations of the said committee(s).
- 5) Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, no F's allowed on reports
- 6) Have not exceeded 5 unexcused absences, 5 tardies or any suspensions
- 7) Uphold the BSU Constitution and Bylaws
- 8) Attend Class Meetings (3 excused missed meetings permitted for E-board)
- 9) Represent BSU in an appropriate manner
- 10) Attend Community at least two "Service Projects"
- 11) Attend and participate in the BSU sponsored events; including fundraisers, set-up for rallies, set up for club day, school spirit days, etc.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

A.) Executive Board

The governing body of the Black Student Union shall be called the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the following positions:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice-President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Parliamentarian

6) Historian

B.) Qualifications of Candidates:

- 1) Must be a full member of the Black Student Union
- 2) Any individual running for the position of President must be nominated and elected by the BSU members and approved by the Sponsor.

C.) Officer Duties:

1) President:

- a) Preside over all BSU General and Executive meetings
- b) Provide leadership and guidance to the organization

2) Vice-President:

- a) Be the overall head of the Standing Committees and report all ideas and actions of these committees to the Executive Board
- b) Assist the president and fellow board members with projects and assignments
- c) Preside in absence of the President

3) Secretary:

- a) Keep an attendance roster for all BSU meetings
- b) Keep accurate and readily available records of all Executive Board and BSU meetings
- c) Keep rosters of participants of any BSU function

4) Treasurer:

- a) Be in command of the official Black Student Union financial record with the Sponsor
- b) Review and approve all spending endeavors the BSU takes on with the Sponsor

5) Historian:

- a) Responsible for the advertising committee

- b) Publicize all BSU events to the campus and community
- c) Make sure photos are taken to document events

6)Parliamentarian:

- a) Maintain order and govern over all Black Student Union meetings
- b) Deal with the maintaining and amending of the Constitution
- c) Retain the official hard-copy of the Constitution
- d) Provide each member of the Black Student Union with reproductions of the Constitution

ARTICLE V. PROCEDURE OF MEETINGS

A) Black Student Union shall meet the first Wednesday of every month. Unless, there is an urgent matter that must be discussed or a previous meeting was cancelled.

B) Any student may attend any meeting of the Black Student Union. In the case of emergency and necessity, any committee, the Executive Board, or the Black Student Union can arrange to meet as often as necessary. Each committee chairperson has the power to call meetings for their respective committees as deemed necessary. Likewise, the President can do the same with Executive Board Meetings. Emergency BSU meetings can be called by the President after a majority vote of the Executive Board members in regards to the issue with the clearance of the Sponsor.

ARTICLE VI. QUORUM

A quorum will consist of 1/3 of the club membership. A quorum must be met to vote on major decisions including but not limited to: club expenditures, leadership roles, and other club relations i.e motto, club shirt designs, etc.

ARTICLE VII.COMMITTEES

A.) General Description of Committees:

- 1) In attempt to increase participation and unity among BSU members, the Black Student Union shall have five standing committees and the power to create as

many committees as necessary to carry out the purposes listed in Article II.

Additional committees shall be seen as temporary until they are voted into the

standing committees and into the constitution. For this action to be executed,

2/3 vote of the voting membership must agree to the committee addition.

2) Each Executive Board member is required to be a member of at least one committee

B.) Standing committees

1) Advertising Committee:

a) Be responsible for the promotion of events for the Black Student Union.

b) Publicize all BSU events to the campus and community. In addition, the committee shall assist with setup of BSU events.

2) Fundraising Committee:

a) Organize money-raising activities for the BSU.

b) Keep current treasurer aware of potential expenses.

3) Community Service Volunteer Committee:

a) Be responsible for organizing events that promote community outreach

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All committees should meet at least once a month, and reports of these meetings shall be given to the Vice-President in written form. Verbal reports of activities and projects shall be presented by the chairperson of each committee at the BSU meetings.

ARTICLE IX.

Any member may be expelled from Coral Reef Senior High BSU for violating any major CRHS or MDCPS rules.

An officer may be impeached based on the previous statement, as well as:

- not performing their duties, lack of work ethic
- dishonest with the committee and members concerning their duties
- not adhering to the mission or the purpose of the BSU

Impeachment requires permission from the BSU club sponsor, solidarity of the Executive Board, and 50% +1 of a vote by members.

ARTICLE X.

The Black Student Union of Coral Reef Senior High School shall be supervised by a Coral Reef Senior High School faculty/staff member at all times. The sponsor's primary functions are to support the students of BSU, and to review and approve proposed activities, before they are presented to the student body, activities director or administration