

Time Frame for Freshmen Elections 2010-2011

August 27th - Packets Available in Student Affairs and On-Line.

September 10th - Packets Due in Leadership by end of day and a **MANDATORY MEETING** will be held at 2:45 in the leadership room (210) for ALL candidates. If you cannot attend, you CANNOT run!

September 13th - Monday - Campaigning begins - all signs/posters/items given out must be prior approved by Mrs. Driscoll. **If purchasing an item get approval before purchase.** Do not waste your money.

September 13th - Speeches Due to Mrs. Driscoll in room 210 by 7:40am and MUST be picked up by 3:00pm after school.

September 14th - Speeches Filmed by T.V. Prod. Crew **AFTER SCHOOL. IF YOU ARE SICK OR ABSENT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE UP THE SHOOT.**

September 16th - Classes view speeches during Social Studies class.

September 16th - Voting and speeches can be viewed during lunches also! Results given on **Friday September 17th** . Good luck!

**E-mail Mrs. Driscoll @
danielle.schuster@browardschools.com if any family
emergencies occur!**

Student Government

Qualifications:

- 1). You must have a 2.50 cumulative grade point average to run for office.
- 2). You may not have any unsatisfactory conduct grades or a "U" in conduct during the current school year.
- 3). You must have the signatures of fifty fellow students supporting your candidacy in order to run for office.
- 4.) Must make a speech. Speech may be no longer than 90 seconds.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Office you wish to run for:

_____ **President** - Run the class meeting and charts the course of the year with the help of the other officers. Must attend ALL of the student government meetings per month.

_____ **Vice President** - Assistant to the President. Runs the class meeting if the President is unable to be there. Must attend ALL of the student government meetings per month.

_____ **Secretary**- Is in charge of keeping accurate minutes of the meetings and keeping files of all activities of the class. Must attend ALL of the student government meetings.

_____ **Treasurer** - Keeps an accurate record of the money collected and spent by the class and depositing all money from events sponsored by the organization. Must attend ALL of the student government meetings

_____ **Senator (5)** - Must attend all class meetings and vote for any class decisions that are being made.

* - There are 5 elected Senators and 5 appointed Senators that will be chosen by your class advisor.

There are other general obligations for your position listed in the constitution which is attached. Plus you should look into each individual class constitution as well so you know what is also expected. Please read the constitution.

1. Why do you wish to run for officer?

2. What qualities do you possess which qualify you for this position?
(Please Answer On A Separate Sheet Of Paper)

I understand what the responsibilities of the office I am running for are and I am willing to do what is necessary to serve my class and the student government to the best of my ability.

Signature of Candidate

I understand that the responsibility of this office will require my child, if elected, to put in many hours beyond the regular school day and I support his/her candidacy.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Candidate's Name: _____

Office Running For: _____

Support of fifty (50) members of the student class:

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| 22. | 47. |
| 23. | 48. |
| 24. | 49. |
| 25. | 50. |

Please complete with your schedule:

Per	Room#	Teacher	Subject	Per	Room#	Teacher	Subject
1.				5.			
2.				6.			
3.				7.			
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THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE CANDIDATE NAMED ABOVE HAS NOT BEEN A DISCIPLINARY PROBLEM AT MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

Signature of Candidate's Dean

THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE CANDIDATE NAMED ABOVE HAS A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.5 OR ABOVE.

Signature of Register or Guidance Counselor

THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE CANDIDATE NAMED ABOVE DOES NOT HAE ANY OBLIGATIONS.

Signature of Bookkeeper

Election Rules

1. One ten foot banner is allowed. It must be hung with string or twine from the railing on the second floor. It must be taken down at the end of each day to avoid the chance of paint bleeding onto the school during a rain or wind storm. **IF YOU DO NOT TAKE YOUR SIGN DOWN AND THERE IS DAMAGE TO THE SCHOOL, YOU WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE REPAIR OF THAT DAMAGE.** (Consider using acrylic house paint on your banner rather than tempera so that there can be no paint transference.)

Banners must be approved by Mrs. Driscoll before they are hung.

2. Speeches are limited to 90 seconds per candidate and must be presented as approved. **Any unapproved changes may be cause for disqualification. If you are absent for speech you can not make it up. There are no exceptions!!!**

3. Do not put down your opponent in your speech or in your campaign materials. All statements made in your speech must be factually true. Mrs. Driscoll reserves the right to censor any part of your speech.

4. No more than 25 fliers and 10 posters (half poster board size because of space limitations) may be posted around the campus.

5. Hang fliers and posters on windows, doors, tiled surfaces and bulletin boards, as available. No campaign materials may be attached to building walls. Please, show respect towards your opponents and their campaign materials. **Damaging or removing materials posted by other candidates WILL be cause for disqualification. Campaign fliers and posters must be approved before they are posted. Must be hung with painters tape approved by Mrs. Driscoll.**

6. You may distribute pins, but no stickers are allowed.

7. Candy and gum are not allowed in your campaigning nor may they be passed out to students.

8. If you are passing out any items they must first be approved by Mrs. Driscoll

9. All posters and fliers must be taken down by 3:30 p.m. Friday, September, 17th. Failure to remove all posters may result in disqualification.

10. All campaigning must be kept on campus. There is to be absolutely NO campaigning via internet including social networking sites. (Myspace, Facebook, Etc.)

11. Religion may not be a part of your campaign.

I have read the preceding rules and understand that if I do not follow these rules, I may be disqualified from the election. I also understand and accept that the decision as to the appropriateness of campaign speeches and campaign materials is at the discretion of administration and the student government Advisor.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION

We the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, hereby create this constitution in an effort to guarantee equality and fairness in all student government activities. This constitution helps create a guideline to set a precedent for all programs, foster a sense of school spirit, improve relations between faculty, administration and students, as well as establish a sense of individuality and morality among students.

Article I- Name

The name of this organization shall be Student Government of Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

Article II- Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be.

Section 1: To promote the unification of each class, school spirit, academic Achievements, community involvement, citizenship, and leadership development

Article III- Authority

Section 1: All powers of the class officers are delegate to it by the school administrations, student body, and School board of Broward County.

Section 2:

A. Executive Branch

1. All elected and appointed Student Government and class officers

B. House of Representatives

1. All leadership classes

C. General Assembly

1. All students @ Douglas High School

Article IV- Organization Membership

Section 1: The Executive Branch shall consist of all elected and appointed Student Government and class officers.

A. Student Government Elected Officers

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Historian

Parliamentarian

B. Elected Class Officers

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Senators

Article V- Duties of Positions

Section 1: President

A. Correspond with sponsor daily

B. Runs all meetings

C. Uphold and enforce the constitution

D. Votes only when tie needs to be broken

E. Appoints and removes committee positions

F. Regularly request reports from committee head

G. Holds right to call additional meetings if felt necessary

Section 2: Vice President

A. Perform duties of the president in lieu of his or her absence.

- B. Attend all ICC meetings
- C. Help coordinate Student Government activities

Section 3: Treasurer

- A. Maintain complete records of expenditures and receipts
- B. Collect and handle all money and deposits with bookkeeper
- C. Meet weekly with the bookkeeper
- D. Prepare financial statements for all money making projects and file all treasurers reports
- E. Prepare an updated treasurer's report for each Student Government executive meeting.

Section 4: Secretary

- A. Record minutes of every Student Government meeting
- B. Maintain files for all Student Government business
- C. Attend at least one BCASC meeting a nine weeks.
- D. Maintain healthy relationship with SGA Secretary

Section 5: Senators

- A. Attend all Class Meetings.
- B. Attend to all duties of their appointed committees.

Section 10: Attendance

**All elected and appointed officers are required to attend every meeting. Officers will be impeached after 3 unexcused absences. (Excused absences include not being in school due to illness or having a pre-scheduled doctors appointment with a doctors note, or anything approved prior to the advisor.)

Article VI- Election Qualification and Voting

Section 1: All parties interested in running must submit packets two weeks after they are made available and follow all packet guidelines

Section 2: Eligibility

A. General

1. Must maintain a 2.5 GPA
2. Good conduct, no IS or external suspensions (Verified by Advisor)
3. Must be enrolled in leadership for the upcoming year.
4. Must have the support of 50 fellow students for student council office
5. The administrator directly responsible for the student.
6. The candidate's parent or guardian.

Section 3: Official Election Advisor

Student Government Treasurer will help leadership advisor conduct the upcoming year's elections.

Section 4: Auxiliary Positions

Appointed as needed and approved by president and advisor.

Section 5: Waivers

1. Transfer students with proof of leadership experience qualify for waivers
2. Anyone seeking a waiver must approach the Student Government Advisor and two currently elected officers.

Section 6: Speeches

All students running for an office **MUST** make a speech to be viewed by student voters unless the position you are running for is un-opposed.

Article VII- Meetings

Section 1: General Meetings

All meetings are done under the supervision and knowledge of the Senior Class President.

Article IX- Standing committees

All committees listed below shall be done Annually until removed by the Student

- Government Body.
- A. Homecoming Committee
 - B. Relay for Life Committee
 - C. Toys for Tots Committee
 - D. Prom Committee
 - E. Beach Clean-up Committee
 - F. Pep Rally Committee

Article X- Impeachment & Removal of Elected Officers

Section 1: Reasons for Impeachment

- A. Failure to carry out Duties of Office
- B. Violation of Leadership Contract
- C. Violation of School Rules which may Result in Suspension/Expulsion
- D. Failure to Abide by the Constitution of The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Student Government.
- E. Unexcused absences from more than 3 meetings

Section 2: Procedures for Impeachment

See individual class constitution for information on additional impeachment procedures.

Section 3: Rights of the Accused

- A. The accused hold the right to Petition for a Period of Two weeks following any final decisions.
- B. The accused holds the right to delay voting by as much as two weeks.

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Article XI- By Laws

All By Laws must be enacted by a majority of whatever branch or body of Student Government it belongs to. In terms of Class Officers, By Laws must be created Freshman Year; 2 months after the first Officers take Office. They cannot be amended.

Article XII- Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1

Both the Executive Board and House of Representatives may propose amendments to the Constitution

Section 2

An amendment must be ratified by a two-thirds vote by the General Assembly.

Section 3

Proposed Amendments must be distributed to each member of the Executive Board ten school days prior to next Student Government Meeting.

Section 4

If passed the amendment does not go into affect until the first day of the new quarter