

Hiking Club Constitution

Article I — Official club name

The name of this organization shall be the Midway High School Hiking Club.

Article II — Purpose

The purpose of the Club shall be to:

1. Promote safe, enjoyable, and responsible hiking.
2. Encourage outdoor education, fitness, and environmental stewardship.
3. Organize group hikes, outdoor studies, exploration activities, and related activities.
4. Build a welcoming and inclusive community for hikers of all experience levels.

Article III — Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership is open to:

1. Individuals who have an interest in hiking and outdoor activities.
2. Individuals who agree to follow Club safety guidelines and the Leave No Trace principles.
3. Any additional eligibility requirements established in the Bylaws (if applicable).

Section 2. Rights of Members

Members shall have the right to:

1. Vote in Club elections.
2. Hold office if eligibility requirements are met.
3. Participate in events, meetings, and hikes.

Section 3. Responsibilities of Members

Members are expected to:

1. Follow all safety protocols during hikes and events.
2. Treat natural areas and fellow members with respect.
3. Make at least one club meeting per month and stay up to date on alerts.

Article IV — Officers

Section 1. Officer Positions

The officers of the Club shall include:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Safety Officer

Other positions may be created by majority vote as needed.

Section 2. Officer Eligibility

To be eligible for office, a member must:

1. Be in good standing:

- a. Pass all classes with a grade of 70 or higher
 - b. Have no more than 2 demerits per school year
 - c. Maintain attendance that does not meet pre-court or truancy court criteria
2. Have been an active member for at least one full semester.
 3. Demonstrate understanding of Club safety expectations and policies.

Section 3. Duties

- President: Provides leadership, presides over meetings, coordinates activities.
- Vice President: Assists President, oversees committees, acts in President's absence.
- Secretary: Maintains records, meeting minutes, communication, and membership lists.
- Safety Officer: Ensures compliance with safety procedures, oversees first-aid readiness, risk management.

Article V — Elections

Section 1. Nomination Process

1. Nominations may be submitted by any member in good standing.
2. Self-nominations are permitted.
3. The Secretary shall publish the list of candidates at least one week before voting.

Section 2. Election Method

1. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot (digital).

2. A simple majority vote is required to win an office.
3. If no candidate receives a majority, a runoff between the top two candidates shall be held.

Section 3. Term of Office

1. Terms shall last one year.
2. Officers may be re-elected without term limits unless otherwise stated in the Bylaws.

Article VI — Resignations and Vacancies

Section 1. Resignations

1. Officers may resign by submitting a written notice to the President (or Vice President if the President resigns).
2. Resignations become effective immediately unless a later date is specified.

Section 2. Vacancies

1. If the President's office becomes vacant, the Vice President automatically assumes the presidency.
2. Other vacancies shall be filled by a special election held within 30 days.
3. Temporary appointments may be made by majority vote until a special election occurs.

Article VII — Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings

The Club shall meet one a month during active seasons or as determined by officers.

Section 2. Meeting Times

Most meetings will be held in the morning, from 10:30-12:00. Saturdays will generally be the recurring day for meetings.

Article VIII — Committees

The Club may establish committees such as:

1. Hike Planning Committee
2. Gear & Safety Committee
3. Environmental Stewardship Committee

Committees operate under the supervision of the Vice President or President.

Article X — Amendments

1. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
2. Amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of present members at a regular meeting.
3. Amendments take effect immediately upon approval unless otherwise stated.

High School Policies

It is the policy of Midway ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Midway ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights

Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.