

**Constitution of the Richard Gahr High School
Associated Student Body**

Article I. Name

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Richard Gahr High School Associated Student Body (ASB).

Section 2

The official school colors shall be Royal Blue, White, and Gold.

Section 3

The students of Richard Gahr High School shall be referred to as "The Gladiators."

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- A. Direct the activities of the Student Body,
- B. Establish and maintain the standards of the school,
- C. Promote school spirit,
- D. Promote the general welfare of every student in the school,
- E. Support opportunities for students to develop skills in the areas of democratic citizenship and leadership,
- F. Promote and defend the rights of each and every student of the school.

Article III. Membership

Section 1

The membership of this organization shall be composed of all duly enrolled students of Richard Gahr High School. All members shall have the right to vote on ASB affairs, to hold office, and to engage in Associated Student Body activities under conditions set forth below.

Section 2

ASB Card. An ASB card is available at cost to a student upon enrollment and entitles the holder to attend any interscholastic contest or other designated activity held at school, and sponsored by the Associated Student Body organization.

- A. All ASB / Class Officers must purchase an ASB card at the beginning of the year or they can be removed from office until they have done so.

Section 3

Identification Cards. Every student is given an identification card which signifies that he or she is duly enrolled student at Richard Gahr High School.

Article IV. Rights of Students

Section 1

All student rights set forth in this constitution are delegated by the Principal and may be revoked by him or her at any time.

Section 2

Since the Board of Trustees and the Principal are held legally responsible by the County and the State Officials for the welfare of the school and all persons connected with it, nothing in this constitution shall be construed as in any way limiting the right of the Principal to make, enforce, or revoke at will any rule or regulation regarding the Student Body.

Section 3

Any rights or duties herein after set forth to be performed by an Administrator may be delegated by them to any other person within the Faculty or the Student Body.

Article V. Executive Department

Section 1

The executive officers of the Executive Cabinet of this organization shall consist of the elected ASB Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Commissioner of Activities, Director of Publicity, and the Commissioner of Community Services. The general officers of the General Cabinet shall consist of the Executive Cabinet, the Commissioner of Athletics, Commissioner of Spirit, Historians, the Commissioner of Academics, the Commissioner of Clubs, the Commissioner of Music, the Commissioner of Multi-Cultural Affairs, the School Board Representative, the Commissioner of Environmental Affairs, the Class Presidents, the Class Vice Presidents, and any assistants deemed necessary.

Section 2

The Executive Cabinet and Class Officers shall be elected by the members of the Associated Student Body in the manner prescribed by this constitution with the exception of the remaining commissioners, assistants, and School Board Representative of the General Cabinet; and any assistants for the Class Cabinet.

Section 3

Any person nominated for any Student Body Office MUST:

- A. Be an enrolled member of the Student Body,**
- B. Have a 2.0 overall grade point average in his or her schoolwork, and if elected, shall maintain the same.**
- C. Have a current merit record of at least 95 credits. If any part of the officer's merit record drops below 95 credits, the officer will be given the opportunity to raise the merit record before being dismissed and replaced by another student who is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Cabinet, the Activities Advisor, and the Principal.**
- D. Have regular attendance and no full day cuts for the first three quarters of the current school year.**
- E. Be a member of the sophomore or Junior Class if a candidate for the office of ASB Vice President.**
- F. Be a member of the sophomore or Junior Class and in ASB Leadership class for one year if a candidate for the office of ASB President.**

Section 4

Duties of officers:

- A. The President shall be the Chief Officer. He or she shall be responsible to the Principal for the entire ASB Government. He or she shall make appointments to the ASB Committees and be an ex-officio member of all these committees. He or she shall have the power to call special meetings with the approval of the Principal. He or she shall attend all P.T.S.A. meetings and be in contact with the school representative to the ABC School District.**
- B. The Vice President shall assist the President in all of his or her duties. He or she shall serve in the capacity of the President in his or her absence. The Vice President shall supervise and conduct all school elections.**
- C. The Secretary shall keep minutes of both the Executive and General Cabinet meetings. The Secretary should also have a copy of the Associated Student Body and Class Constitutions. The Secretary shall keep a record of all correspondence of interest to the ASB or Class Cabinet and correspondence with other agencies as directed. The Secretary shall be responsible to make a roster of the General Cabinet within three (3) weeks after the elections.**
- D. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the records of ASB funds and all funds of all organizations within the Student Body, regardless of the manner in which such funds have been acquired. The Treasurer shall submit a report once a month to the General Cabinet. No funds shall be paid out of any fund except under the presentation of a written, signed requisition by the Faculty Advisor of the particular activity. This requisition must be accompanied by an itemized bill which shall clearly show what account is being paid. The Treasurer shall be responsible to prepare an ASB budget for the upcoming school year before the first day of school. He or she shall also present the bills for approval at the General Cabinet meetings and make deposits on behalf of ASB.**

- E. The Commissioner of Activities is a general chairman, along with the Activities Director in supervising and organizing all school activities sponsored by the ASB Cabinet (i.e. rallies, assemblies, lunch-time activities, etc.). He or she shall also coordinate all organizations and social activities within the school with the Activities Director and suggest activities for various groups.
- F. The Director of Publicity shall publicize all ASB activities and be responsible in keeping publications concerning all school activities.
- G. The Commissioner of Community Services shall coordinate all community-involved projects. He or she shall be in continual contact with the outside service action groups. He or she shall submit reports regularly to the General Cabinet. He or she shall be in charge of organizing the annual spring blood drive. He or she shall, in coordination with the Director of Publicity, publicize all community events to students. He or she shall also be responsive to coordinate all ASB luncheons and student/administration functions.
- H. The Commissioner of Athletics shall be appointed by the Activities Director and Executive Cabinet. He or she shall act as a liaison between athletics, ASB, and the Athletic Director. He or she shall publicize all athletic events equally (all sports, boys and girls, Frosh, Soph, J.V., and Varsity). He or she shall encourage recognition of achievement and sportsmanship by athletics in the ASB Cabinet, and also before student, parent, and community groups as well. He or she shall cooperate with the Commissioner of Activities to provide balanced recognition, representation, and support for athletics.
- I. The Commissioner of Spirit shall be appointed by the Activities Director and the Executive Cabinet. The Commissioner of Spirit shall work with the General Cabinet in promoting school spirit through activities especially Spirit Weeks and lunch-time rallies.
- J. The Historians shall be appointed by the Activities Director and the Executive Cabinet. They shall be appointed to take pictures at all ASB activities and to create a slide show or video for the ASB banquet at the end of the year. The Historians shall also plan the banquet at the end of the year for the ASB General Cabinet.
- K. The Commissioner of Academics shall keep the students informed of such events and deadlines as: College Night, Financial Aid Night, College Deadlines, SAT, ACT, ACHs, Proficiency Dates, and other college opportunities for Juniors and Seniors. He or she shall be appointed by the Activities Director and the Executive Cabinet. He or she shall also be in charge of honor roll certificates, and informing students of academic workshops for those who need help.
- L. The Commissioner of Clubs shall be the bridge from the ASB to the Clubs. He or she shall be in charge of handling club charters and enforcing them. He or she shall hold Club President's meetings once a month. At the beginning of each year, he or she shall compile a list of existing clubs and approve all club fund raisers.

- M. Assistants. If it is found that there is a need for an assistant in any of the offices other than the President, Vice President, Secretary, or treasurer; an assistant shall be appointed to that position by the Activities Directory and Executive Cabinet. The assistant shall be responsible for the duties prescribed in the office in which he or she is assisting.

Section 5

Oath to Office. Before entering upon the duties and responsibilities of his or her office, the President-Elect shall take the following oath:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the Student Body, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Student Body of Richard Gahr High School."

The following oath shall be administered to all other elected officers of the Student Body by the President:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office to which I have been elected, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of Richard Gahr High School."

Article VI. The House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives shall be made up of students from the Student Body. These students shall be appointed to the House of Representatives by their homeroom class. The House of Representatives will meet once a month, and representatives will be responsible to take information about academic and social events back to their homerooms. The House of Representatives shall also be responsible to bring to the General Cabinet any concerns of the homeroom they represent.

Article VII. Provisions for Amending the Constitution.

The legislative powers of this organization shall be vested in the ASB Cabinet.

Section 1

The Executive Cabinet shall make any initial revisions necessary in this constitution and prepare a revision for the General Cabinet to review.

Section 2

The General Cabinet shall make any revisions deemed necessary to the initial revisions and prepare a second revision for the House of Representatives to review.

Section 3

The House of Representatives shall review the second revision and take the document to their respective homerooms for input from the Student Body population. The House of Representatives shall convene for a second time to share any concerns and to approve the revised Constitution. The amendments made to the Constitution must be approved by three-fourths of The House of Representatives. Representatives must be present to vote.

Section 4

The General Cabinet shall review the final revision of the Constitution. The amendments made to the Constitution must be approved by three-fourths of the General Cabinet. Cabinet members must be present to vote.

Amendment #1

- 1. Amendment #1 applies to Homecoming Dance, Winter Formal, Sadie Hawkins, and Prom.**
- 2. All nominees for a dance court can only win once per year. For example, if a nominee is elected as Prince, Princess, King, or Queen for the Homecoming Dance, they cannot win again for another dance the rest of the school year.**
- 3. If a nominee has not been previously elected to the dance court of the current school year, he or she is still eligible to become a nominee for any future dance(s).**
- 4. All nominees can win only once per year.**