

# **Cougars in Excellence Constitution**

## **Article I: Name of Club and Sponsor**

The clubs name shall be: Cougars in Excellence and its faculty sponsor is: Mrs. Andrews

## **Article II: Purpose of Club**

The Cougars in Excellence is a club designated to promote school involvement, to students of a variety of academic backgrounds. Our mission is to promote social, academic and spiritual well being to underrepresented teens at Apex High School. Our club will provide a place to help prepare teens for a better tomorrow, whether you have the highest grade point average or you're struggling to get around. The Cougars in Excellence mission is to have every Cougar at Apex High School feel as if they are a part of something. We provide a positive environment to students who may not be very successful in or out of school. A place where teens that have struggled and feel pressures in and out of school can have their talents recognized. Regardless of their school record we provide a new beginning for any person who would like a better tomorrow. Our goal is to break up stereotypes and allow teens here at Apex to experience Unity and set all barriers aside when they actively participate in our club. We see potential and brightness in every student at Apex High School no matter their sex, religious affiliation, grade level, ethnicity or sexual preference.

## **Article III: Powers**

The Constitution may be changed by the advisor or request from an administrator after the Officers have met counseled and discussed the reasons for changing its constitution. The constitution can and only well be changed if the advisor or an administrator feels as though changes need to be made to provide a more successful club along with input of the Officers.

## **Article IV: Meetings**

Cougars in Excellence will meet twice a month from 2:23 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. afterschool on either a Tuesday or Wednesday depending on the particular month. For example if one month we need to schedule our meeting dates to be on Tuesdays we will do so, but the next month Wednesdays are most convenient we will do so we will always meet on the appropriate dates. Officers will meet once a month to plan and prepare for the meetings. Officers will decide the specific date in which they meet and the time. Meeting may have a variety of locations. The Library and Computer Lab will be a good area to meet.

## **Article V: Membership**

Members will be responsible to come on time each and every month if they are not able to attend they must notify an Officer within 24 hours. A total of three absences are allowed. Failure to comply with any school rules will also put a member at risk of losing his/her membership. All members are entitled to active participation. All members have the opportunity to make any suggestions or comments regarding how Cougars in Excellence can better provide for its members a stronger more successful high school experience at Apex High School. We will have a comment box for any input from the members.

## **Article VI: Dues**

In order to provide financial stability to Cougars in Excellence any prospecting member will have to pay a onetime due of \$15.00. Students will be notified in advance of any deadlines. Students who cannot afford to pay the due will not be excluded of participating but may need to fill out a waiver form.

Waiver forms will only be given if and only if the potential member has counseled with the advisor why he or she cannot pay the dues.

### **Article VII: Officers and Duties**

There are four positions as Officers in Cougars in Excellence along with the Faculty Advisor. The President is responsible to preside in the meeting along with the Advisor he/she also listens to criticism of members in the Club. The President is in charge of meetings and directs members in an organized manner. The President counsels with his/her officers to make a curriculum and variety of activities along with the help of the other Officers. Organizes and prepares materials to be presented. Vice President assists the President in his/her responsibilities takes place of the President when he or she is not available. Researches places to volunteer and is the Cougars in Excellence representative speaker. Vice President Assistant helps and provides announcements, posters and informational documents for the Vice President. The Secretary is hand in hand with the Vice President Assistant but does not provide posters and informational documents. The Secretary is responsible for providing announcements, keeping up with calendar dates and taking notes during meetings as well as keeping up with attendance of the members.

### **Article VIII: Elections**

The President must be an upper classmen (Junior/Senior) and commit to the responsibilities of the club. Must have at least a C (76.5%) in all core classes and a 90% or higher in any elective taken. The Vice President has the same requirements but can have an 85% or higher in any elective taken. Vice President Assistant and Secretary can be from any Grade level and must have a C (76.5%) or higher in all classes. There are no other requirements other than being able to have the time to commit to the club and still maintain proficient grades.

### **Article IX: Activities, Projects and Community Service**

The Cougars in Excellence main theme is to provide unity and what better way to do so by completing community projects. Reading to kindergartners, making baby blankets to donate to preemie babies in the hospital. Visiting Nursing homes and making crafts. We also have a variety of positive recreational activities, Homework Help learning study tips and how to apply for colleges and receive scholarships. Friendship Wellness accepting a variety of diverse cultures by having group projects promoting Ethnic Respect. Helping troubled teens refrain from pornography, drug abuse and promoting abstinence. Preparing for College project learning how to cook easy prep meals and organize yourself financially, Future Career planning, shadowing a variety of careers to find your key interests or discovering internships that interest you. All our activities are prepared to break up barriers between students of different ethnicities and backgrounds. Promoting Spiritual Wellness accepting and learning from different religious affiliations, none of the activities regarding any members personal background will or should be discriminating our main focus is to look out on the positive influence everyone can make in society. We are not promoting discrimination or excluding someone based on their individuality. The Cougars in Excellence is very sensitive on how these topics are addressed and in what format.