

CONSTITUTION
CLEMENTS HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN CLUB

November 1998, amended January 18, 2006

Article I - Name

The club will be known as the Clements High School German Club.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the club will be to promote a greater knowledge and appreciation of the German-speaking cultures and to promote friendship among speakers of the German language, both within Clements High School and beyond its walls.

Article III - Membership

Membership will be open to all students who are taking or have taken a German class or who have some knowledge of the German language. Dues will be charged annually at the beginning of the school year, and the amount will be set by the officers and the sponsor. The officers and sponsor will also establish at the beginning of each school year an amount of "participation points" that each member must accumulate over the course of the year and a procedure for recording these points. The officers and sponsor may offer certain privileges for fulfilling the participation-point requirement.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1 - The officers of the club will be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Historian. The officers for the upcoming year will be elected in the preceding spring at a meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2 - Each candidate will, by the designated deadline, sign up for the office he/she wishes to hold. A member must be passing German and have accumulated the required number of participation points for the current year in order to run for an office for the following year. Each candidate may run for only one office in the German Club. It is allowable to run for an office both in the German Club and the German National Honor Society, but once elected to an office in one of the two organizations, the candidate will withdraw his/her name from consideration for the other position. Candidates may campaign as they wish, within school regulations. All members of the club who are present at the election meeting, including seniors, are entitled to vote. Each candidate will give a speech at the election meeting. The candidate with the most votes will be elected.

Section 3 - If an officer fails German for two consecutive nine weeks, he/she forfeits the office. If an officer commits a Level II offense (other than excessive tardies), he/she may be asked by the sponsor, in consultation with the student's assistant principal, to forfeit the office. If an officer twice fails to attend any officer meeting or German Club meeting or function without informing the sponsor in advance of a schedule conflict or without an excused absence from school, he/she forfeits the office. If an office becomes vacant for any reason, a special election for that office may be scheduled at the discretion of the remaining officers and the sponsor.

Article V - Meetings

Meetings will be scheduled as necessary by the officers and the sponsor.

Article VI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the club by a majority of those present.