

Operation Rainbow Constitution

Our Mission

Through the creation of the Operation Rainbow, we strive to create a safe community for those of all genders, sexualities, and allies. By doing this we hope to enrich the lives of our members through community outreach and education, and to promote a more accepting culture within West Ashley High School.

Article I - Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Operation Rainbow, hereafter referred to as the 'OR club'.

Section 2. The officers and faculty advisor of the OR club shall make up the Executive Board of the club, hereafter referred to as the 'Board'.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to educate members on the rich history of the LGBTQ community, and to promote equality both in and outside of the club.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall perform administrative duties deemed necessary to successfully carry out the club's purpose.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. The requirement of membership is attend the club at least two meetings a month and remain respectful of the safe space we are creating together. A more specific list of behavior requirements will be discussed and approved through a three-fifths vote of the board yearly.

Section 2. Only members who are currently enrolled students at West Ashley High School may vote or hold Office.

Section 3. The privileges and responsibilities of membership are participation in on campus activities and travel to off-campus activities.

Section 4. Membership may be revoked by the decision of the Board due to an inability to conform to the responsibility of membership.

Article IV - Meetings and Procedures

Section 1. Meetings are held every Thursday between 2:30-3:30 PM.

Section 2. Policy decisions are made by a two-thirds vote by ballot. Formal votes become effective at the next scheduled rehearsal.

Article V - Officers

Section 1. The organization shall have the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Manager. All of these shall be elected by a two thirds vote by ballot. Any club member in good standing for at least one semester is eligible to nominate or hold an office.

Section 2. The duties of these officers shall be:

- President - oversee the Board, call weekly meetings, organize events and scheduled activities.
- Vice President - assist the President in their responsibilities, oversee elections and serve as community liaison.
- Secretary - keep track of correspondence, facilitate communication between membership and Board.
- Treasurer - keeps all financial records, formulates budget, and organizes fundraisers.
- Activities Manager - create and distribute all promotional materials, represent the club at all school wide club events, serves as liaison between student body, community organizations, and the club

Section 3. Officers' positions are selected annually and there are no term limitations.

Article VI - Electing, Appointing, and Removing Officers

Section 1. Officers are elected by a two-thirds vote by ballot.

Section 2. Elections are to be held in the first two months of the school year or by the seventh meeting of the year. Board members begin their job at the next meeting.

Section 3. The members of the Board may be impeached and removed by the membership. Grounds for this is an officer's inability to perform his/her duties. The membership must bring their concerns to the club's sponsor, who then investigates the allegations. After two weeks of probing, the case is presented to the members and a two-thirds vote by ballot is conducted as to whether the officer is to be removed.

Section 4. In the event of a mid-term vacancy of an elected officer, a two-thirds vote by ballot will be held to fill the vacancy within three weeks.

Article VII - By-Laws

Section 1. By-Laws of the organization shall be established and altered by the Board's three-fifths vote (faculty advisor is not a voting member of the board).

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Article VIII - Amendments to the Constitution

Any member who is eligible to vote or hold office can propose an amendment. Three-fifths of the voting membership must be in accord for ratification of any amendment.

Article IX - Ratification

This constitution shall be established by a vote of a three-fifths majority of the membership of the organization.