



To whom it may concern,

We would like to start a First Priority Club at our school. First Priority is a student-led club where we can develop skills like: leadership, integrity, character, teamwork, time-management, event planning, social, and public speaking skills through faith-based principles.

The goal is to be leaders who make a positive impact in our school and invite others to do the same. Everyone will be welcome to attend and there is no fee. We also want to partner with other clubs in projects that make a positive difference in our school.

Our plan each month is a four-week cycle called HOPE (Help, Overcome, Prepare, Engage). Each week has a different focus of how to be a leader such as: help tools, leaders tips, how to overcome setbacks, how to develop and share your story, ways to serve the school, and how to connect with others for the better good of the world.

First Priority Clubs are in schools throughout America. Therefore, we will have the opportunity to get resources, leadership development training, and have the opportunity to connect with Student Leaders from other schools and cities across the Nation who are making a positive difference in their schools.

We have worked on getting organized by asking a teacher to allow us to use their classroom. We have also provided our names along with the day, time, and room we would like to request meeting in.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Student Names

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Room:

Day:

Time:

Teacher Sponsor:

# CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I - NAME OF THE CLUB

The First Priority Club of School.

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

1. To encourage friends to understand the importance of living in relationship with God, serve as a resource to help students enhance their spiritual lives and provide an opportunity to integrate beliefs into daily living.
2. To provide members the occasion to grow in their faith and for them to develop into dynamic leaders on the campus and in the community.
3. To increase the self-esteem and moral foundation of peers while discouraging premarital sex, substance abuse, bullying, violence, suicide, etc.; that each member will develop a greater respect for the authority placed over them and pursue a lifestyle consistent to that outlined in the Bible.

## ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

Club membership is open to any student in this school that agrees with and is able to comply with the stated guidelines in this constitution/by-laws, provided there is no attempt by them to disrupt the meeting. Membership is equated to consistent attendance and participation in the club.

## ARTICLE IV - STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our club may or may not have individuals holding positions of office depending on our school's requirements; our team of officers/ student leaders carry out the following duties including, but not limited to: greeters and promotion, club leader for a specific week, speaking publicly, teaching as able, securing guest speakers, leading or co-leading small groups, skits and mixers, announcements, and refreshments. Any candidate for leadership must be a devoted follower of Christ, avoiding disqualifying behavior that Scripture forbids (Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10), and setting a positive biblical example "in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12, c.f. Galatians 5:22-25).

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

1. Our meetings are student led in accordance with the Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. 4071-74), passed by Congress in 1984.
2. Our meetings occur weekly and are coordinated with our faculty sponsor.
3. Our meetings provide students the opportunity to discover and develop leadership skills they will use the rest of their lives.
4. Our "HOPE" strategy of meetings provides students with the opportunity to grow and apply their personal faith and enhance their relationships with friends and family.
5. Our meetings encourage students to invite their peers to be a part of an exciting club that assembles in a respectful and friendly atmosphere.

## ARTICLE VI - AFFILIATION

1. Our club is affiliated with First Priority, a not for profit ministry that resources clubs to succeed in their stated purpose.
2. First Priority connects a community volunteer (typically an area Youth Worker) to attend club meetings as an invited guest to help student leaders in fulfilling their assigned tasks.

## ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution/By-Laws may be proposed by any member. Amendments shall become effective if approved by the two-thirds of the members and faculty sponsor.

This Constitution/By-Laws agreed to at School this day of, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

By the following students:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.