

Dorothy McElhinney Middle School

Associated Student Body

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PREAMBLE

WE THE STUDENTS of the Leadership III Exploratory Class of Dorothy McElhinney Middle School, to fulfill our desires toward a more positive student culture through recognizing student successes do hereby establish this Constitution as the chief governing instrument of **Renaissance** of Dorothy McElhinney Middle School.

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 1. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Renaissance or RenCrew of Dorothy McElhinney Middle School.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to initiate and supervise activities and events that promote student and staff recognition on campus.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

Students who are enrolled in the exploratory Leadership III Class are members of Renaissance.

SECTION 2. FACULTY

All members of the administration and faculty of Dorothy McElhinney Middle School shall be honorary members of the Renaissance of Dorothy McElhinney Middle School without the power to vote.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE POWER

The executive powers of the Renaissance shall be vested in a cabinet composed of elected and appointed members of the Leadership III Class. They shall be:

ELECTED:

- Renaissance President
- Renaissance Vice President
- Renaissance Secretary
- Renaissance Treasurer

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APPOINTED:

- Leading the Way Commissioner
- Teacher Appreciation
- Recognition Rally Commissioner
- Historian
- Social Media Director
- Programs

Appointed Positions are as needed.

SECTION 2. DESCRIPTIONS AND DUTIES OF CABINET MEMBERS

As members of the Renaissance Cabinet, each of the officers shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. **RENAISSANCE PRESIDENT**

- Must be a member of the 8th Grade Class during term of office
- Will preside and help to prepare agendas for all meetings of the Student Council
- Will appoint members of the Council to special committees
- Will insure the Council members follow through with their duties

Must have been a member of Leadership for a minimum of two years before applying for the Office of President

2. **RENAISSANCE VICE PRESIDENT**

- Must be a member of the Seventh or Eighth Grade Class
- Will preside in the absence of the President
- Will organize and preside over school-wide elections

Must have been a member of ASB, Renaissance or Renaissance for a minimum of one year before applying for the office of Vice President.

3. **SECRETARY**

- Must be a member of the Seventh or Eighth Grade Class
- Should have a knowledge of keyboarding skills
- Will record minutes of each meeting to be typed, copied and filed
- Will handle correspondence as directed by the Renaissance
- Will make reports to the Council

5. **TREASURER**

- Must be a member of the Seventh or Eighth Grade Class
- Will help develop the Renaissance budget
- Will report on financial matters at each meeting

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SECTION 3. QUORUM

The Renaissance shall meet with a quorum present at least twice a month. A quorum shall consist of a majority of eligible voting class members.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

All members of the Renaissance Cabinet; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by the popular vote of the students of the Leadership III Class to be held during the first two weeks of the academic year for which the class is held.

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS

The requirements for eligibility for officers of the Renaissance Cabinet are as follows:

- a. Members will have a 3.0 or above grade point average
- b. Members must be a member of the regular Leadership III Class
- c. Members should not have any outstanding bills owed to DMMS.
- d. Members must not have a suspension in the semester prior to the election. This can be waived after an interview with the Activities Director and a team of faculty and students.

SECTION 3. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

If any officer's grades fall below those required for his/her office, he/she shall be given six weeks in which to raise them. If, at the end of that semester, he/she fails to do this, the office shall be declared vacant by the Renaissance President and shall be filled in accordance with the terms and by-laws of this Constitution.

SECTION 4. RECALL OF OFFICERS

Any officer of the Renaissance of Dorothy McElhinney Middle School may be recalled and discharged by a proposal of the Renaissance Cabinet. A confirming vote of two-thirds of the members of the Renaissance Leadership Class III. If the officer is recalled, his/her office are to be declared vacant and shall be filled according to the provisions of this Constitution. Written charges should be brought forward and officer will be given the opportunity to respond to charges.

SECTION 5. RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS

An officer of the Renaissance may resign from office by submitting a letter of resignation to the Renaissance Executive Board and, after its approval; the office is to be declared vacant and filled according to the terms of this Constitution.

SECTION 6. VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

An officer of the Renaissance Cabinet, which has been declared vacant, may be filled by appointment by the Renaissance President with the approval of the Executive Board. The appointment shall be decided by a majority of the Executive Board members present. In such case as the office of the Renaissance President is declared vacant, it shall be filled by the Renaissance Vice President, who will, in turn, nominate a new Vice President with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. If the Vice President does not meet the grade level requirement the position of President is open to the current grade eligible members of the ASB Executive Council. The member appointed to a vacant office must meet with the terms of eligibility for that office.

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SECTION 7. NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Nominations for Renaissance Officers shall be made by application and petition. After filling out the required application and having it signed by the appropriate persons, each student is required to have the signatures of no less than twenty five (25) students (7th/8th) of the Colt Student Leadership Program (ASB, Renaissance, or Renaissance).

SECTION 8. CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES

1. Election Campaigning is not permitted for Renaissance.
2. Candidates will have one opportunity to give a 4 minute speech to share why they would make a good officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary).

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution can be amended, or have parts repealed by a fifty- percent, plus one, majority vote of the Renaissance.