

**Constitution of the Kea`au High School
Associated Student Body (ASB)**

Ratified December 18, 2014

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We, the students of Kea`au High School, in order to develop democratic ideals; to teach respect for law and order; to maintain high standards of cooperation, loyalty and school spirit; to prepare for adult life and citizenship; to encourage worthwhile activities in the school; to help students prepare for their careers and especially to be able to create a better understanding and communication among students, teachers and administration, do form this constitution for the Associated Student Body.

Article I - Name

The name of this association shall be the Associated Student Body of Kea`au High School, hereinafter referred to as "ASB".

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be to promote good citizenship; to help students develop their abilities in good leadership capacities; to conduct meetings; to work with responsibilities in their duties as officers, representatives and chairpersons; to encourage the exchange of ideas among students, administrators, faculty and the community; and to control the expenditure of SBG dues.

Article III - Membership

Every registered student at Kea`au High School shall be a member of this association upon payment of student obligations as set by Chapter 32 Collection of Authorized Fees and Charges and in conjunction with the Memo from the Superintendent's Office.¹

Article IV - Membership Obligations & Activities

Full payment of obligations shall be a required condition for participation in any ASB sponsored activities. Student obligations are defined as monetary payments necessary to cover costs associated with the school (i.e. class dues, ASB dues, lunch deficit, textbooks, uniforms, athletics, etc).²

¹ www.hawaiiboe.net/AdminRules/Pages/AdminRule32.aspx

² Examples are inclusive and are not limited to just those listed. Additional costs may occur.

Article V - Structure of Council and Voting Ability

The Legislative Power of ASB shall be vested in the Student Representative Senate and the Executive Power of ASB shall be vested in the Executive Branch.

Section 1. Executive Branch

The Executive Branch shall be comprised of four members; President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The four individuals will each have a single vote and must have quorum in order to cast their votes.

Section 2. Student Representative Senate

The Student Representative Senate shall be comprised of three (3) grade level members representing the four (4) different grade levels on campus. Each member will have one vote. Voting may only occur when a majority of the members elected are present. The ASB Vice President shall serve as the President of the Senate and have a vote only in the event of a tie.

Article VI - Meetings

The Student Representative Senate shall have regular bi-weekly meetings and special meetings called by the Senate President when necessary.

The Executive Branch shall have regular weekly meetings and special meetings called by the ASB President when necessary.

Article VII - Class Governments

Class Governments shall be established in each grade level and run by their respective Class Officers under the guidance of the assigned advisor(s)³.

Class Governments shall be seen as individual entities and therefore responsible for their own governance through the creation of their own separate Constitution. Created Constitutions may not circumvent or override the ASB Constitution.

³ Advisors are selected and agreed upon by the class and the BU5 teacher volunteering to advise. Advisors understand that there is no monetary compensation for their time.

Class Governments shall be comprised of an amount of elected officers not to exceed 4 positions; however, additional positions may be created which do not seek to have the individual elected by their peers.

Class Governments will be held to the same standards as ASB; however, they will report directly to their advisor.

Article VIII - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended upon the approval of a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Student Representative Senate followed by a majority of votes cast by the student body, provided that the amendment had previously been presented in writing to the Student Representative Senate and to the student body at least 5 days before being voted upon.

Article IX - Veto Authority

The Principal, with written explanation as to reason, shall have the right to veto any measure or program the Student Representative Senate may pass. The final decision of a matter concerning any conflict where a decision has to be made, the Principal shall have the final authority since s/he is by law the head of the school and is responsible to the State Board of Education and the Department of Education.

Article X - Fiscal Policy

The ASB General Fund shall consist of operating funds from student dues collected, as ordered by Chapter 32 of the Administrative Rules of the Department of Education, and any gifts or money presented to ASB by an individual, organization or other source.

Article XI - Ratification

This Constitution shall be ratified upon a majority of votes cast by the student body⁴.

⁴ Ratification will occur following the tallying of all collected ballots.