



Brilliant Child Christian Academy

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it”. ~Proverbs 22:6

BCCA Student Council Policy

The Brilliant Child Christian Academy Student Council is about:

- Leadership—Supporting the development of student and adviser leadership skills and knowledge
- Service—Helping build a climate of caring and tolerance through volunteerism and service to others
- Student Voice—Promoting student council as the voice of the student body and giving every student an opportunity to be heard
- Engagement—Encouraging students to become involved in school and community leadership and decision making

The BCCA Student Council:

BCCA Student Council is a student-based organization designed to help promote positive school spirit and leadership among students, with an eternal focus and kingdom relationships . Students participating in all levels of the Council will maintain a high standard of personal conduct. Council members will demonstrate leadership qualities by serving as good examples of behavior through their words and actions. All Council members will be expected to participate in approved activities, which will serve to enhance the quality of both the physical and behavior environment of the school.

Why do we have a student council?

1. To develop positive attitudes and to practice good citizenship.
2. To promote harmonious relations throughout the entire school.
3. To improve student/faculty relationships.
4. To improve school morale and general welfare.
5. To provide a forum for student expression.
6. To plan special events or projects.

Benefits of being involved in student council include: opportunity to improve leadership skills, gain experience in public speaking, and learn how to make a positive impact on school and community environment.

Objectives of the student council are to:

1. Maintain open communication between students and school staff.
2. Train students in the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship.
3. Students must be very responsible people who are willing to work hard.
4. As student council members, you will be called to serve other students by representing their issues. The council does not have the power to change policies, only to voice student opinion.
5. Student council will be involved in community minded projects. School beautification, assemblies, and fundraisers are among some of the projects.

ARTICLE I: NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the **Brilliant Child Christian Academy Student Council.**

ARTICLE II: PREAMBLE AND PURPOSE:

We the members of the BCCA Student Council do hereby establish this constitution for the Student Council of Brilliant Child Christian Academy. We, the members, shall foster a spirit of cooperation among the students and the faculty; to develop attitudes and practices of good citizenship and Christian character in the student body; to exemplify principles of Christianity and democracy for the student body; to uphold the ideals, practices, and traditions of BCCA; to support and further the mission of BCCA as appropriate; to maintain school spirit and morale; to promote scholarship; to provide a forum for the students' expressions; to serve as a supervising agency for those extra-curricular activities and organizations which are under the jurisdiction of the Student Council: to train students for leadership and citizenship through the channels of self--control, self--reliance, initiative and responsibility; and to diligently coordinate and regulate student activities and shall promote the general welfare of our school.

ARTICLE III: POWER

The power and authority of the Student Council will be delegated to it by the BCCA administration team. Any act or proposal may be vetoed in full or modified in any part by the administration of BCCA. The Student Council shall be empowered to express any student concerns or interactions as representations of the entire student body.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP:

1. There shall be a school student government whose membership shall consist of representatives of the student body of BCCA.
2. There shall be a school council which shall act as the legislative branch of the government, and which shall consist of elected officers from each grade.
3. Each member must have top grades in order to be considered for membership for the current school year.
4. Each member must have no disciplinary referrals for the current school year, and should have attended BCCA for at least one semester prior to being elected to the Student Council.
5. The member must perform a minimum of 10 hours of service to the school, through the Student Council, during the current school year. These hours must be recorded by the secretary and submitted to the BCCA administration team.
6. All officers shall be required to attend all regularly scheduled meetings unless he or she is excused by the adviser.
7. The terms of office for all officers on the council shall be for the school year. Any representative may be recalled by a majority vote of the council members at a council meeting, or at the demand of the faculty adviser, after which the adviser will appoint the next highest vote recipient from the ballot.
8. Any officer who either fails a subject or drops below the top grades requirement for one grading period will be put on probation. If the officer's grades have not improved during the second grading period, they will be dismissed.

9. Any applicant for office must state their intent and conduct an election campaign, as well as state which office they are running for, by the deadline issued by BCCA administration.
10. Students will first go through a full -faculty and administration screening process where each student will be assessed for:

A. Christian Character Assessment:

- The student should have high moral and ethical values that display Godly behavior.
- The student must have displayed the ability to follow and respect school rules and regulations.

B. Academics:

- Any candidate for an officer position must abide by the eligibility requirements set forth by the current school policy.
- The ability to be an asset to the Student Council.

11. Students who have been deemed worthy of running for election by administration and teachers will then face an election where they will be elected by only their class.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

1. Formal meetings shall be held at least once a month unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond the Council's control.

2. Student Council members are required to attend all student council meetings. Excuse from attendance must be granted by BCCA staff. Two unexcused absences may result in removal from the council. As elected officers, it follows that Council members are expected to attend and support ALL council events and projects, unless excused in advance by the faculty adviser.
3. Special meetings may be called by the faculty adviser or by administration if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICER POSITIONS AND DUTIES:

The duties of each class officer shall be to bring council suggestions from their respective classes, to foster good school spirit, to support the activities of the school, to cooperate with teachers, advisers, and administration for the betterment of the school, to set an example of Godly citizenship for the entire student body, and to convey to their class the general council's activities. Leadership activities will include, but are not limited to:

- Planning and conducting class fundraising activities
- Planning and conducting class spirit days and spirit weeks
- Planning BCCA activities
- Planning and conducting class parties
- Planning and conducting class service projects
- Planning and conducting class chapels and school assemblies
- Assisting administration during publicized school events

Positions:

President:

- Call class meetings monthly (or as needed) with approval of Class Advisers
- Shall preside at all class meetings and all general student council meetings
- Class president shall be responsible to see that the council gets underway promptly and runs smoothly and efficiently throughout his/her term.
- Shall notify the advisers before meeting
- Represent the class student council on public occasions
- Serve as a liaison between, students, teachers, and administrators
- Work with BCCA administration for events
- Delegate **responsibilities to other council members as needed**

Vice President:

- The vice- president shall assist in the performance of the duties of the president and shall assume full responsibility of these duties in the absence or disability of the president. The vice -president will be a member of all committees, and shall be responsible for helping to elect a chairman for each committee and getting together committee reports. The vice- president shall help the president create an agenda for all class meetings.

- The vice- president will perform these duties in both the general student council and the separate class meetings.

Secretary:

- The secretary shall keep a record of all the meetings of the class meetings and shall provide a copy of the minutes for representatives of administration.
- The secretary shall keep a record of all of the meetings of the general Student Council and shall provide class advisers, representatives of administration and the Student Council adviser a copy of the minutes.
- The secretary shall keep a record of attendance of all members for both the class meetings and the general student council.
- Type fliers or information sheets as needed for events and arrange to have them copied in the office and sent home with appropriate students
- Get approval from Advisors and Administration before any such information is posted in school or sent home
- Make copies of all sign in sheets for official records (one to Advisors, one for class records)

Treasurer:

- The treasurer shall keep a record of all the expenditures and receipts of the class and shall make a report of the finances at each meeting of the class.

- The senior treasurer shall keep a record of all general expenditures that are for the general student council and report those finances at the general student council monthly meetings.
- The treasurer will keep track of all hours worked at fundraisers and divide those funds earned by the hours each student works equitably and fairly.
- The treasurer will be responsible for getting any receipts to appropriate personnel and make copies of them as needed

Male/Female Chaplain: (when applicable)

- Male and Female Chaplains will alternate leading prayer to open and close class meetings.
- Each class chaplain will open and close at least one general student council meeting in prayer during the year.
- Organize and coordinate the class--led Chapel Service as needed. All chapel service plans must be approved by the BCCA admin before implementing. All chapel service plans must be made at least two weeks prior to the scheduled service.
- Provide spiritual support through prayer for classmates in need, guiding classmates to appropriate adults as needed (counselor, BCCA admin, etc.)
- If possible, the chaplain will work with advisers to coordinate a class Bible study, or some other Godly character building exercise..
- Will work with the Service chairs with the service projects

- Act as peacemaker when necessary

Male/Female Service Chair(s) (when applicable):

- Working together, the service chair(s) will organize no less than one social event for the class
- Working together, the service chair(s) will organize no less than one service project for the class (school, community, etc.)
- The service chair(s) will get approval for these plans from their class adviser, the general faculty adviser and the administration representative prior to relating these plans to the class.

ARTICLE VII: POWERS

1. The council shall make recommendations or proposals for regulation by a vote of the majority of those present at a council meeting. A quorum for transaction of business shall consist of a majority of council membership. A majority shall consist of 2/3 of the total members in order to pass a recommendation or proposal.
2. The general council BCCA administration staff may veto any majority vote deemed to be to the detriment of the school before being presented to the administration.
3. These recommendations or proposals shall then be presented to the BCCA admin for passing or vetoing as the case may be.

4. Any proposal passed by the general council concerning the school may be vetoed by the BCCA admin, whose option it is to either make a counter proposal on which action the council could take or to give an explanation to the student council officers.

5. A request for reconsideration of any vetoed proposal may be presented by one member, or a group of members in writing.

DISCIPLINE CODE:

To achieve an efficient and orderly operation of the student council, faculty and administration expect all council officers to meet their responsibilities with respect to behavior. If the officer is dismissed, the replacement would be who came second for that position during the election.

Causes for dismissal:

- Any officer who receives a disciplinary referral for behavior during the school day, at school activities, at any extracurricular event, practice or school related contest (home or away).
- Any officer who is suspended from school.
- If an officer commits a violation as per the student handbook.
- Any officer for failure to represent his/her class properly, failure to do the duties required of the elected office, or for any actions which are deemed detrimental to the best interests of BCCA.
- Failure to attend meetings

- Failure to meet grade level and academic standards.
- If their class by a majority 2/3 vote, feels that the officer has not represented them properly.

I, as a candidate or as elected for Student Council, do hereby agree to abide by these stated rules and policies. I acknowledge receipt of this document and have read it.

Name: _____ Date: _____