

BYLAWS of
Central Texas First Nations Education Consortium (CTFNEC)
Youth Council - _____ Chapter

(Name of Youth Council)

ARTICLE ONE

Name

The name of this group shall be the _____ High School Native Youth Council.

ARTICLE TWO

Objectives

The objectives of this group shall be to provide a collective voice and represent the tribal youth in all matters that concern them; to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals; to promote the development of future tribal leaders; to help solve problems facing tribal youth; to coordinate school and community service projects and provide opportunities for the youth to interact for fun and fellowship.

ARTICLE THREE

Members

Section 1. The group shall have one class of youth members consisting of Native American or Alaskan Native youth between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age.

Section 2. Each member shall have a right to cast one (1) vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the membership.

ARTICLE FOUR

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the group shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Two or more principal offices may not be held by the same person.

Section 2. The President shall be the principal officer of the group and shall supervise and control the affairs of the group. The President will preside at all membership meetings.

Section 3. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the membership meetings and see that all notices are given in accordance with the bylaws, keep current membership list, and in general, perform all duties related to the office of Secretary.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall have custody and be responsible for the collection and

disbursements of all funds of the group. The Treasurer will prepare and present a financial report, if appropriate, at each meeting. (An adult advisor shall co-sign all deposits, checks and financial statements.)

Section 6. The officers shall be elected by ballot at a time and in a manner prescribed by the membership to serve for one year or until removed from office for just cause or until their successors are elected and assume office. The officer's terms shall commence at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

ARTICLE FIVE

Advisors

Section 1. An Advisory Council will consist of parents, elders, other concerned adults, and representatives of various agencies serving Native American youth.

Section 2. The members of the Advisory Council will help facilitate meetings, offer guidance to youth, chaperone functions and activities of the youth council, and assist youth council members in fulfilling their responsibilities. One (or more) members of the Advisory Council will serve as the primary advisor(s) of the youth council.

Section 3. At least one member of the Advisory Council must be present at all youth council meetings and functions.

ARTICLE SIX

Meetings

Section 1. The youth council membership shall meet a minimum of three times a year. A notice of time, place and agenda will be provided to all voting members at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. These meetings will consist of a business meeting followed by a social or recreational function. The business meeting will include reports from officers and/or special committees. Planning and duties for future business and social functions will be delegated during the business meetings.

Section 2. The presence of fifty percent of the voting members of the council shall be required to constitute a quorum necessary to conduct the Youth Council's business.

Section 3. All regular and special meetings of the Youth Council shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and consist of an agenda to include:

1. Roll Call
2. Determination of quorum
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
4. Reports of Officers
5. Reports of special committees
6. Old business
7. New business
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

ARTICLE SEVEN

Committees

Committees shall be established by the President from time to time as deemed necessary to carry out the work of the group. The Committee Chairperson will be appointed by the President. The Committee Chairperson will be responsible for appointing others to serve on the Committee. The President shall be a member of all committees.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Affiliation

The _____ youth council will affiliate with the CTFNEC American Indian Education Program and its affiliated Native American Parent Committees.

ARTICLE NINE

Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the group by a two-thirds vote, providing that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE TEN

Ratification

Section 1: Adoption: These by-laws shall be declared by the Youth Council when passed by a majority vote at a regular meeting.

These by-laws are hereby approved by the American Indian Education Project, the Native American Parent Committee, the Austin Independent School District and the _____ Independent School District.

IN WITNESS THEREOF,

_____ Youth Council President

Date

AISD American Indian Education Project Coordinator

Date

_____ High School Faculty Sponsor

Date

_____ High School Principal

Date