



Bluffdale City Youth Council (BCYC) Bylaws

Mission Statement:

To empower our youth to become proactive leaders and serve the community. Through collaboration and innovative ideas directly from our members, we strive to foster inclusivity, spread positive change, and build a more connected Bluffdale. *Empowering the Youth of Bluffdale to Lead, Serve, and Inspire.*

I. Purpose & Mission

The Bluffdale City Youth Council (BCYC) exists to provide youth 14-18 years old living in Bluffdale with the opportunity to engage with city government, lead community initiatives, and develop civic leadership. Through service, education, and collaboration, BCYC builds a bridge between Bluffdale's youth and city leaders, helping shape a bright future for our city.

II. Membership

Who Can Join?

- Must be in grades 9–12 (14–18 years old)
- Must be a current resident of Bluffdale City
- Can attend any public, charter, private, or home school

How It Works

- Applications are accepted year-round
 - All applicants are accepted
 - Terms run fiscal year
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III. Structure of the Council

General Members

Open to all accepted youth participants. Members are active participants in planning and executing BCYC events and activities.

BCYC Executive Leadership

Each school year, members elect seven Executive Officers:

1. Mayor
 2. Mayor Pro Temp
 3. Treasurer
 4. Co-Treasurer
 5. Secretary
 6. Communications
 7. Historian
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IV. Roles & Responsibilities

General Expectations (All Members)

- Attend at least 80% of scheduled meetings and events
 - Support and participate in BCYC activities
 - Demonstrate leadership, integrity, and respect
 - Follow the BCYC Code of Conduct
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V. Meetings

- Held once per month on the third Tuesday of each month. Leadership meeting 5:00 PM, Council meeting 5:30 PM
 - Meetings are held in accordance with Utah Open and Public Meetings Law
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VI. Committees & Involvement

- Members not serving in Executive roles will join committees (Service, Social, Outreach, etc.)
 - Members are encouraged to invite peers to attend open events and grow community awareness
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VII. Advisors & City Support

- A designated City Staff Member/Liaison will coordinate logistics and serve as the main contact for BCYC operations along with parent advisor(s)

VIII. Conduct & Expectations

- BCYC members must model excellent citizenship
 - Violations of the Code of Conduct, poor attendance, or lack of participation may result in removal from the council
 - Absences must be excused by the Chairperson or Supervisor
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IX. Code of Conduct

All BCYC members are expected to adhere to the highest standards of behavior, both in person and online, when representing the Youth Council. This includes during meetings, events, conferences, travel, and while engaging with the public.

Members agree to:

- Act with honesty, integrity, and respect toward peers, advisors, city staff, and community members
- Refrain from bullying, harassment, or any form of discrimination
- Follow all rules and expectations outlined for events, travel, and activities
- Not possess or use alcohol, drugs, tobacco, vapes, or weapons.
- Stay in designated areas and follow curfews during overnight events
- Represent the City of Bluffdale in a positive manner
- Use social media responsibly and avoid posting content that reflects poorly on the Council or the City
- Maintain good standing as a student, both academically and behaviorally, in accordance with their school's expectations.

Violations of this Code may result in:

- Verbal or written warning
 - Removal from specific events or activities
 - Temporary suspension
 - Full removal from the Youth Council
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X. Removal & Vacancies

Member Removal

- May occur after excessive unexcused absences or violations of policy or the Code of Conduct
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XI. Decision-Making

- BCYC decisions (motions, resolutions, event approvals) require a majority vote of present voting members
 - The Chair only votes in the event of a tie
 - BCYC may adopt or amend a Charter by two-thirds vote
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XII. Our Core Values

- **Leadership** – We lead with courage, responsibility, and vision
 - **Service** – We serve our city and uplift our neighbors
 - **Engagement** – We show up, speak up, and act with purpose
 - **Respect** – We honor each other, our community, and our city
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