

FCS Club Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Payne Junior High School Fellowship of Christian Students (abbreviated as FCS).

Article II – Mission

The mission of the Payne Junior High School Fellowship of Christian Students is to help students develop a Christian Worldview by teaching how to know God personally and share God's love with other students.

Article III – Qualifications of Members

Club membership is open to any student in this school that agrees with and is able to comply with the stated guidelines in this constitution/by-laws, provided there is no attempt by them to disrupt the meeting. Membership is equated to consistent attendance and participation in the club.

FCS should not become an exclusive "club," with restricted membership; however, a key principle in FCS's strategy for reaching students is for the commonality of students with those in the group to remain obvious.

Article IV – Student Leadership

- A. A leadership team will be elected to work together to plan club meetings, invite speakers, lead games and mixers, promote clubs and work with the faculty advisor.
- B. Leadership expectations: Leaders will be required to agree with the club statement of faith. (attached document)
- C. Leadership election: Leaders will be elected by a majority vote of the members. Election will take place in April or May for the following school year. This allows current leaders to train and prepare new leaders to take their place.

Article V – Meetings

Meetings will be held weekly or twice a month and can be conducted in an atmosphere where fellowship, growth and outreach can be accomplished.

1. Our meetings are student led in accordance with the Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-74), passed by Congress in 1984
2. Our meetings occur weekly and are coordinated with our faculty sponsor
3. Our meetings provide students the opportunity to discover and develop leadership skills they will use the rest of their lives
4. Our strategy of meetings provides students with the opportunity to grow and apply their personal faith and enhance their relationship with friends and family
5. Our meetings encourage students to invite their peers to be a part of an exciting club that assembles in a respectful and friendly atmosphere

Article VI – Affiliation

1. Our club is affiliated with local Bible believing churches that work together to invest in students lives.
2. FCS connects a community volunteer (typically a local pastor) to attend club meetings as an invited guest to help student leaders in fulfilling their tasks.

Article VII – Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution/By-Laws may be proposed by any member. Amendments shall become effective if approved by the two-thirds of the members and faculty sponsor. Any amendments that contradict or deny the statement of faith are prohibited.