

C O N S T I T U T I O N

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Barrington High School, in order to provide the opportunity for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding, do hereby establish this constitution for the Interact Club of Barrington High School.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization will be the Interact Club of Barrington High School.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purpose of this organization is to provide opportunities for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

The goals of Interact are to:

1. Recognize and develop constructive leadership and personal integrity
2. Encourage and practice thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others
3. Create an awareness of the importance of home and family
4. Build respect for the rights of others based on recognition of the worth of each individual
5. Emphasize acceptance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success, community improvement and group achievement
6. Recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve society
7. Provide opportunities for gaining increased knowledge and understanding of community, national and world affairs
8. Open avenues of personal and group action leading to the advancement of international understanding and goodwill toward all peoples

ARTICLE III

SPONSORSHIP

1. The sponsor of this Interact Club is the Rotary Club of Warren which, through a committee of not less than five Rotarians, will, in cooperation with the school administration and in concert with school regulations governing clubs and activities, exercise supervision and control over all activities, programs and policies of this Interact Club. The continued existence of this Interact Club will depend upon the continued active personal participation of the sponsoring Rotary club.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

1. To be eligible for membership a student must possess good character and leadership potential and be a student at Barrington High School.
2. The method of electing members of this club will be determined by the sponsoring Rotary club in consultation with the Interact Club. The method of electing members of a school-connected club will have the approval of the school administration.
3. Each member of this club will attend at least 60% of this club's regularly scheduled meetings.
4. Membership will automatically terminate upon graduation, by termination of the club, or by failure to meet attendance requirements unless excused by the board of directors of this club for good and sufficient reason.
5. Membership may be terminated for cause as determined by this club by vote of not less than 2/3 of all the members in good standing.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

1. The club will meet not less than twice per month, as provided in the by-laws, at a time and place suited to the convenience of the members, with due regard for their school obligations.
2. Meetings of the club and of the board of directors may be cancelled during holiday or vacation periods at the discretion of the board of directors, with the approval of the sponsoring Rotary club.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICER AND DIRECTORS

1. The officers of this club will be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.
2. The governing body of this club will be a board of directors composed of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and additional directors whose number will be determined by this club with the approval of the sponsoring Rotary club, all to be elected from among the members in good standing. All decisions, policies and actions of the board and of the club will be subject to the authority of the sponsoring Rotary club, the provisions of this constitution and policy established by Rotary International.
3. Elections of officers and directors will be by methods compatible with school procedures, but in no case will more than a simple majority of the members present and in good standing be required for election. The term of office of all officers and directors will be one year. No provision will be made for a term of office shorter than one year except with the written permission of Rotary International.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. President: The president will preside at all regular and special meetings of the club and the board of directors; will, with the approval of the board, appoint all standing and special committees; and, in the event of a vacancy in the board of directors, will, with the approval of the board, fill such vacancy by appointment until the next regular election of the club. The president will be an ex-officio member of all committees.
2. Vice President: The vice president will succeed to the office of president in the event of the removal of the latter for whatever cause, and, in the absence of the president, will preside at all meetings of the club and of the board.
3. Secretary: The secretary will maintain all club records and will keep minutes of all meetings of the club and board of directors.
4. Treasurer: The treasurer will maintain all necessary records, report the club's financial status at each meeting of the club, and will hold all records available for inspection by any club member.
5. Board of Directors: The board of directors will be the governing body of the club, as provided in the constitution. It will hold regularly scheduled meetings, not less than one a month, which will be open to the attendance of any club member in good standing. Members attending such meetings, however, will not address the meeting except with the permission of the board.

ARTICLE VIII

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

1. This club will be responsible for planning, organizing, financing and conducting its own activities and will itself supply the money, manpower and creative imagination necessary thereto, except that in the case of joint projects or activities undertaken in cooperation with other organization, such responsibility will be shared with such other organizations.
2. The club will undertake among its activities at least two major projects annually, one designed to serve the school or community, the other to promote international understanding, and each will involve all or most of the members of the club.
3. The aim of international service in Interact is to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of youth united in the ideal of service. The aim of community and school service is to encourage and foster the application of the ideal of service by each Interact Club member to his/her personal, community and school life.
4. It is the responsibility of the club to raise the funds necessary to carry out its program. It will not solicit or accept more than occasional or incidental financial assistance from its sponsoring Rotary club, nor will it make general solicitations from Rotary clubs other than its sponsoring Rotary club or from other Interact clubs, nor will it solicit financial assistance from individuals, businesses or organizations in the community without giving something of value in return.

ARTICLE IX

FEES AND DUES

1. Any additional fees, dues or assessments on the membership of the club will be nominal and will only be for the purpose of meeting the administrative costs of the club. Funds for activities and projects undertaken by the club will in general be raised apart from such fees, dues or assessments.

ARTICLE X

DATE EFFECTIVE

1. This constitution will be effective immediately after ratification by the School Committee.