

**CONSTITUTION OF THE RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I—NAME

1. The name of this association is the RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (also referred to herein as the “Association”).

ARTICLE II—OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of this Association are to foster a cooperative relationship among the parents, teachers, and the administration of Ridgewood High School which;
 - a. Provides channels of communication among the professional staff, parents, guardians, and students.
 - b. Provides an open forum for questions affecting Ridgewood High School or the Ridgewood Public Schools and recommends actions concerning them;
 - c. Fundraises to enhance educational opportunities at Ridgewood High School.
- 2.2 This Association is non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-political. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, or national origin.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Every parent or legal guardian of any student enrolled in Ridgewood High School and every teacher and administrator of Ridgewood High School is a Member of the Association.
- 3.2 The Association’s Board (defined in Article IV) may recommend and approve the collection of dues from all Members of the Association. Non-payment of such dues shall not bar any member of the Association from membership or from voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV— BOARD

4. The Association’s Board shall consist of the Elected Officers of the Association, the School Principal, and Standing Committees’ Chairs.

ARTICLE V— OFFICERS

5. The officers of the Association shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Development Committee Chairperson and Communications Chairperson. These officers shall serve as the Executive Committee and serve terms as defined in the Association’s By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI ---MEETINGS

6. General Membership Meetings shall be held annually in the spring. The Association’s Board or the President may call other meetings of the general membership for any purpose.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS

7. The Constitution and By-laws may be amended upon recommendation of the Board at any general meeting by two-thirds majority of the Association members present. The proposed changes and date of vote shall be published at least 10 days prior to the meeting on the RHS HSA website and copies made available upon request.

ARTICLE VIII—QUALIFICATION UNDER 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

- 8.1 The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 8.2 No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.
- 8.3 No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of , or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 8.4 Upon the dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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