

First Priority of South Florida

Club Constitution and By-Laws

Article I - Name of the Club

The First Priority Club of _____
School

Article II - Purpose of the Club

1. To encourage friends to understand the importance of living in a relationship with God; serve as a resource to help students enhance their spiritual lives and provide an opportunity to integrate beliefs into daily living.
2. To provide members the occasion to grow in their faith and for them to develop into dynamic leaders on campus and in the community
3. To increase the self-esteem and moral foundation of peers while discouraging premarital sex, substance abuse, bullying, violence, suicide, etc.; each member will develop a greater respect for the authority placed over them and pursue a lifestyle consistent with that outlined in the Bible.

Article III - Qualifications of the 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.

Article IV - Student Leadership

Our club may or may not have individuals holding positions of office depending on our school's requirements; our team of officers/student leaders carry out the following duties including, but not limited to: greeters, publicity and promotion, club leader for a specific week, securing a guest speaker, leading or co-leading small groups, skits, and mixers, announcements, & food.

Article V – Faculty Sponsors

Our club has secured a faculty sponsor (or sponsors) per the guidance referenced in the Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-74), passed by Congress in 1984. The faculty sponsor function: act as the legally required representative of the school in the club to; mediate between the activities of the club and school protocols in a custodial role; host the weekly campus club meetings while functioning in a non-participatory capacity.

Article VI - Meetings

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 for the rest of their lives.
4. Our "E.P.I.C." strategy of meetings provides students with the opportunity to grow and apply their personal faith and enhance their relationships 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 VII – Affiliation

1. Our club is affiliated with First Priority of South Florida, a not-for-profit ministry that resources clubs to succeed in their stated purpose.
2. First Priority connects a community volunteer to attend club meetings as an invited guest to mentor student leaders so they can grow in their leadership abilities.

Article VIII - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution/By-Laws may be proposed by any member. Amendments shall become effective if approved by two-thirds of the members and faculty sponsor.

This Constitution/By-Laws agreed to at _____ School

this day _____ of _____, 20 _____ by the following signed students:

Faculty Sponsor

Student President

Student Vice President

Administration

APPROVED

NOT APPROVED

