

Florida Association of Student Councils

1. WHAT IS THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS?

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The FASC is a voluntary statewide association of high school student councils. The FASC is sponsored by the Florida Association of Secondary School Principals (FASSP)/Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA), which provides the FASC with its Executive Director.

2. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FASC MEMBERSHIP?

The benefits of FASC membership include:

- A. Eligibility to send delegates to the annual state convention.
- B. Eligibility to send delegates to the FASC Kickoff Conference
- C. Informational newsletters concerning district and state meetings.
- D. Information on annual competitive events.
- E. Information and registration forms for state summer leadership workshops.
- F. Access the FHSAA as a resource center for student activities.

3. IF MY PRINCIPAL IS A MEMBER OF THE FASSP, AREN'T WE AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER OF THE FASC?

No, membership in the FASC is entirely separate.

4. IF MY SCHOOL IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS AND/OR THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS, AREN'T WE AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER OF THE FASC?

No again, membership in these organizations is entirely separate.

5. HOW MUCH ARE FASC DUES; WHERE DO I SEND THEM AND WHEN ARE THEY DUE?

FASC dues are **\$50.00** annually and should be sent with the membership form (available in the members section of this website.)

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Your check should be made payable to the Florida Association of Student Councils. A late fee of \$15.00 should be added if the check is mailed after November 1.

6. CAN I PAY BY PERSONAL CHECK?

Yes, but the FASC prefers a school check or money order made payable to FASC. In any case you will receive a receipt from the FASC.

7. HOW IS THE FASC ORGANIZED; WHO ARE ITS OFFICERS; AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

The FASC is divided into six districts. (See District Alignment under District Information) Each district has its own constitution (Copies available on the FASC website under District Information) and elects its own district officers. The president school of each district will serve on the FASC Board of Directors. The FASC has its own constitution (under Member Information). The four (4) state officers elected at the annual state convention are President, Vice-president, Secretary and Parliamentarian.

The Treasurer is the host school for the annual state convention and is selected by the district whose turn it is to host the state convention.

The duties of the officers can be found in the FASC Constitution.

8. HOW OFTEN DOES THE FASC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

The board meets twice a year, in August and at the state convention. The board selects the FASC statewide project and sets general policy for the organization.

9. HOW MANY STUDENTS AND ADULTS ATTEND THE BOARD MEETINGS?

One student and the advisor from each district president school and each state officer school attend.

10. HOW IS A SCHOOL ELECTED TO A STATE OFFICE?

Elections for the office of President, Vice-president, Secretary and parliamentarian take place at the annual convention. According to the FASC Constitution a candidate school must send their intent to run to the Executive Director 30 days prior to the opening of the state convention. The intent to run letter must specify the office being sought and must contain the signature of the school's principal. The office of Treasurer is selected by the district hosting the state convention. At the convention, a school will be elected by a simple **majority** of the member schools present at the election session.

11. MUST A SCHOOL BE PRESENT AT THE CONVENTION TO VOTE FOR A STATE OFFICER?

Yes, but if a school has been represented at the convention and its delegation must leave before the election assembly, that delegation can cast a proxy ballot. Proxy ballots are cast by filing the ballot with the secretary school. A proxy ballot may only be cast once and will not be counted again in the event of a run-off election.

12. HOW IS THE DISTRICT HOSTING THE CONVENTION DETERMINED?

The convention rotates through the six districts. The current rotation (1,3,5,2,4,6) was established to avoid two conventions in succession in the same general area of the state. If no host school can be found in a particular district, the convention goes to the next district in the rotation.

13. DO ADVISORS HAVE TO CHAPERONE DELEGATIONS TO THE STATE CONVENTION?

Each delegation must be chaperoned. It is recommended that the school's student council advisor accompany the school's delegation; however, another adult or another school's advisor may serve in this capacity. An agreement to serve as another school's chaperone must not be taken lightly and must be acceptable to all parties concerned, including the FASC Executive Director.

14. WHAT FASC DISTRICT IS MY SCHOOL LOCATED IN?

A list of Florida counties and the FASC/NHS district to which the schools in that county belong appears in this section.

15. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION?

In addition of the right to attend district meetings the district association provides member schools with:

- A. a resource center on area activities and school issues of interest to students.
- B. an efficient source of communications between the schools, the districts and the state.
- C. a forum to discuss problems germane to member counties.
- D. formal newsletters concerning district meetings and up-coming events.
- E. three district meetings each year. The activities undertaken at the District meetings include: workshops, discussion groups, advisor meetings and the exchange of ideas.
- F. the right to attend the state convention providing a school attends one district meeting.

16. HOW MUCH ARE DISTRICT DUES AND WHERE SHOULD I SEND THEM?

The amount of district dues varies with each district. To find out the amount of your district's dues and where to send them, contact the District Treasurer School.

17. HOW DO I KNOW THE DATES FOR DISTRICT AND STATE MEETINGS?

As soon as the District Presidents communicate those dates to the Executive Director they will be posted on the FASC website under District Information. However, it is best to confirm District Meeting dates with the District President (listed under District Officers)

18. CAN THE DATES FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS THAT ARE SCHEDULED BY THE FHSAA BE CHANGED?

Yes, if there is a legitimate reason, the district president may request a change through the Executive Director. This must be done in writing, well in advance of the scheduled date and the proposed date.

19. WHO IS MY DISTRICT PRESIDENT?

The best way to get this information is to be at the district meeting at which the officers are elected. If you missed the meeting, you may get this information by going to the FASC website.

20. CAN I CALL THE STATE OFFICE?

Yes, the telephone number is 754-321-1201. Mr. Michael Roland has been appointed by the FASSP to deal directly with the FASC, FMLSLA and the FCNHS.

21. DOES THE FASC SPONSOR ANY COMPETITIONS FOR STUDENT COUNCIL?

The state student council competitions are a cooperative venture between The Florida Association of Student Councils and The Florida Association of Student Council Advisors. The competitions packet usually varies a little from year to year and the forms that must be used to enter are available at the FASC website. There are competitions for both middle and high school members.

22. JUST WHAT GOES ON AT DISTRICT AND STATE MEETINGS?

The various districts establish the agenda for district meetings. In general, however, fall and winter district meetings feature workshops, motivational speakers, idea exchanges and group discussions. The spring meeting usually focuses on the adoption of resolutions to be sent to the FASC and the election of officers. District meetings usually allow for travel time by starting at 9:00 or 9:30a.m. and by ending at 1:00 or 2:00p.m. Some districts have started holding spring district conventions, which involve an overnight stay.

The annual state convention is usually held sometime during March or April. The activities at the state convention include the election of state officers, presentations by motivational speakers, student-lead workshops, advisor workshops, an awards banquet and many other events.

23. CAN AN ADVISOR GET INSERVICE CREDIT FOR ATTENDING THE STATE CONVENTION?

That depends on your county or, in the case of private schools, the school administration. You should check with the department responsible for certification in your district. Some counties (Broward for example) makes provision for inservice credit if it is applied for in advance and if there is a separate agenda for advisors.

25. WHERE CAN I OBTAIN FASC INSIGNIA OR BANNERS AND A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION?

The FASC official logo appears on the website. The FASC has no state banners. A copy of the membership application appears in this section.

26. WHAT IS THE FASC KICKOFF CONFERENCE?

The Kickoff conference is a two day high impact leadership training conference sponsored by the FASC and Herff Jones. The conference is held in the Fall of each year in Central Florida and is hosted by a volunteer high school. The conference agenda and registration material can be found under Conventions and Meetings in the Events section on the FASC website. Attendance is open to FASC members only.

27. DOES THE FASC SPONSOR A SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE?

No. The FASC does not sponsor a Summer Leadership Conference. There are, however a number of opportunities for rising leaders to obtain training over the summer. The Hugh Obrien Youth Foundation offers three HOBY seminars in June, the Rotary Clubs sponsor The Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders in June and the School Board of Broward County, Florida sponsors and advanced leadership camp (Camp Eagle in June) and a camp for first timers, (the South Florida Leadership Training Camp in July). Both camps sponsored by the Broward School District are endorsed by the FASC, open to students from throughout the state and are held on the campus of Nova Southeastern University.