

FMHS Writers' Club Constitution and Bylaws

Purpose: To grow as writers and editors through supporting and inspiring each other.

Membership: In order to be a member of Writers' Club, you must have attended and participated in at least two meetings each month. Regular attendance is taken at the beginning of each meeting. Participation is defined as either reading one original piece or offering one constructive criticism in response to another member's work. Meetings are every Thursday in room B 213, beginning at 3:45 and concluding at 4:30.

Reading: In order for a member to share his or her work, he or she must sign up in advance on the reading sheet and have a hard copy of the original work to be read.

Rules of Conduct: All comments and criticisms offered in response to an original work must be constructive and civilized. Only one person is allowed to speak at a time. Members are not allowed to send text messages during club meetings, nor are members allowed to talk on their phones, listen to iPods, or play video games during meetings. If a member must answer his or her phone, he or she is expected to quietly step into the hall to do so. Violations of these rules will result in a member being asked to leave the meeting. Repeated violations will result in a one or two week suspension from the club (depending on the severity of the infraction; at Mr. Kivett's discretion). Whether or not a member is in violation will be determined by the club president and Mr. Kivett.

Recommendations: Members are encouraged to exchange manuscripts with each other for editing. Members are also encouraged to participate in writing contests and group quickwrites.

Elections: A club president will be elected by secret ballot during the first official meeting.