

**Bylaws of
PATHS at STRIDE Academy
Parents and Teachers Helping Students
Students and Teachers Reaching Individual Dreams through Education**

Article 1 – Name

The name of this organization is Parents and Teachers Helping Students at STRIDE Academy. It is also commonly known as, and will be referred to in these bylaws, as PATHS.

Article 2 – Description and Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of PATHS is promoted through advocacy and programs directed towards parents, teachers, and the general public; developed through committees, projects, and programs; and governed by the basic policies set forth in the bylaws.

Section 2. PATHS is organized exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes of the student body of Stride Academy, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Article 3 – Membership

Every individual who is a parent, guardian, or other related person (as defined by STRIDE Academy policies) is entitled to membership. Membership is also open to all teachers and staff currently employed at STRIDE Academy. There are no membership dues. Members have voting privileges defined as one vote per household.

Article 4 – Officers and their Election

Section 1. The officers for this organization shall consist of a president, vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, as well as at least one Stride Academy official.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by ballot in the first quarter of the school year. If there is but one nominee for any office, election for the office may be by voice vote.

Section 3. Officers shall assume their Official duties following the close of the meeting and shall serve for a term of 2 year. The president and secretary will be up for nomination in odd years while the vice president and treasurer will be up for nomination in even years.

Section 4. A person shall not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the role of president, vice president or treasurer. There is no limit on the number of

consecutive terms that can be served by the secretary. Treasurer to have an employee background check in place.

Section 5. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the other officers, notice of such election having been given. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the vice-president shall serve notice of the election.

Section 6. One person may not serve in more than one office at the same time.

Article 5 – Officers and their Duties

Section 1. The president shall:

- a. Serve as chair of the board
- b. Appoint chairs and members of committees not otherwise specified
- c. Preside at all PATHS meetings
- d. Act as a liaison between PATHS and the Board of Directors of STRIDE Academy by regularly (defined as once every three months) attending meetings of the Board of Directors of STRIDE Academy as the PATHS representative, rotating this responsibility with the other executive members, and reporting back to PATHS on the activities of the Board of Directors of STRIDE Academy.

Section 2. The vice-president shall:

- a. Act as an aide to the president.
- b. Perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to serve.
- c. Have a current copy of the bylaws at all meetings for consultation and make copies of bylaws available to all members.
- d. Maintain an accurate list of current officers, committee members, and their contact information.

Section 3. The secretary shall:

- a. Record the minutes of all PATHS meetings.
- b. Prepare and distribute said minutes in a timely manner to the secretary of STRIDE School Board and/or designated school representatives.

Section 4. The treasurer shall:

- a. Have custody of all funds of PATHS.
- b. Keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures.
- c. Make disbursements as authorized by the president and board.

- d. Have checks or vouchers signed by two authorized persons (the treasurer and one of the school directors).
- e. Present a financial statement at every meeting of the association and at other times when requested by the board.
Have the accounts examined annually or upon change of officers by a third party auditor or an auditing committee, who, satisfied that the treasurer's annual report is correct, shall sign a statement of that fact at the end of the report.
- f. No expenditure over the amount of \$50 shall be undertaken without approval, at a regular monthly PATHS meeting, of a majority of PATHS members present.
Amounts under \$50 may be approved by a majority vote of the executive board.

Section 5. Upon the expiration of the term of office or in case of resignation, each officer shall turn over to the president without delay, all records, books, and other materials pertaining to the office, and shall return to the treasurer without delay all funds pertaining to the office.

Section 6. An officer may be relieved of their duties for:

- a. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive PATHS meetings without good cause following a notice from the boards.
- b. An officer can be removed from position for neglect, misconduct, or failure to fulfill their duties, by a majority vote of the executive board, or a majority vote of PATHS members held at any monthly PATHS meeting.

Article 6 – Executive Board

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held monthly unless otherwise designated by the Executive Board. Special meetings may be called by the President, or shall be called at the written request of at least two (2) members of the Executive Board.

Section 2. A majority of the votes held by the executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article 7 – Meetings

Section 1. Regular PATHS meetings shall be held monthly during each month STRIDE Academy is in session, unless 7 days notice is given for change of date.

Section 2. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.

Section 3. Written notice of each meeting, including agenda, shall be posted at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting date, preferably on the STRIDE Academy website.

Article 8 – Committees

Section 1. The executive board may create or eliminate such standing committees as it may deem necessary to promote the purposes and carry on the work of the association. The term of each chairperson shall be one (1) year or until the selection of a successor.

Section 2. The chairperson of each standing committee shall present a plan of work to the Executive Board for approval.

Article 9 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of PATHS shall begin on August 1 and end on the following August 1.

Article 10 – Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting. Amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the motion.

Section 2. A thorough review of these bylaws shall be conducted every three years. Copies of the bylaws shall be posted on STRIDE Academy’s website.

Section 3. The above bylaws were adopted by the membership on _____ and are up for review in _____.

Article 11 – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of PATHS, any funds remaining shall be donated to STRIDE Academy.