

Bylaws

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, bylaw is a noun that is defined as a rule adopted by an organization chiefly for the government of its members and the regulation of its affairs.

Student Involvement Technique:

- Challenge each student to bring in a set of bylaws from an organization for extra credit.
- Facilitate a class discussion on the importance of rules (bylaws) in a classroom, work place or an organization.
- Break the classroom into groups of students. Have each group write a set of rules (bylaws) for the classroom.
- Add your own ideas.

TIPS:

- Bylaws should be reviewed every year for relevancy and updated as needed.
- Each class could have their own set of bylaws, but generally bylaws are for a local chapter. State associations and the national organization have bylaws to provide governance and guiding principles.
- Bylaws are often posted on organizations official websites.
- Classes could have polices and procedures to support the bylaws. Polices and procedures do not require a chapter vote to change and update as bylaws require according to Robert's Rules of Order, the official reference of parliamentary procedure.
- Use the Sample Local Chapter Bylaws as a beginning point for your chapter bylaws.

