

MODEL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
[Name of organization] or [Suzuki Association of _____]
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned incorporator(s), in order to form a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of _____, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ONE: The name of this corporation is _____.

TWO: The name and address of the registered agent of this corporation are:

_____.

THREE: The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is:

The _____, in cooperation and collaboration with the Suzuki Association of the Americas, promotes and supports excellence in Suzuki education for teachers, parents and students in the Americas.

The _____ furthers the philosophical and educational ideals of Shinichi Suzuki, to promote study and research for the advancement of education. The purpose of the SAA is to encourage the growth of understanding of Dr. Suzuki's ideas within its membership and to stimulate an interest in his ideas in the general public.

The vision of the _____ is to further the education of all children in the Americas in all subject areas by using Dr. Suzuki's educational philosophy.

FOUR: The number of initial directors of this corporation is _____. Their names and address are as follows:

_____.

FIVE: The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) of this corporation is (are):

_____.

SIX: The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

SEVEN: The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications, and obligations of members of this corporation are as follows:

This corporation shall have members. Membership shall be open to all who are interested in the purposes of the Corporation and members shall have the right to vote as set forth in the corporate By-laws.

EIGHT: *Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to the Suzuki Association of the Americas within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

Model Articles of Incorporation with suggested article headings and sections
SAA Requirements: required text in italics—*must* appear in your organization Articles of Incorporation

NINE: No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

(NOTE: Clause NINE is required only of corporations seeking 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status)

TEN: No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles.

ELEVEN: Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(NOTE: Clause ELEVEN is required only of corporations seeking 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status)

The undersigned incorporators hereby declare that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated: _____

, Incorporator

, Incorporator

IMPORTANT:

This sample is meant to be a guideline. Each state will have its own requirements so check with your Secretary of State office, other state government office, and/or legal counsel. The phrases in *italics* are required verbiage by the SAA.