

# Student Council Application

## What is Student Council at Sycamore Creek?

*Student Council is an opportunity for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Sycamore Creek to take an active role school-wide programs and service projects. Student Council members will meet for monthly meetings after school. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed. While representing Sycamore Creek, these student leaders will gain responsibility and will demonstrate pride in our school community.*

## Election Process:

- **TRACK 3:** Applications are due to classroom teachers by Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held sometime between Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. (Determined by classroom teacher.)
- **Candidate Speeches:** Once candidates have turned in an application, they will be given two minutes to make a speech in front of their homeroom class. Students are not allowed to campaign (create stickers, posters, buttons, etc.). This is to ensure fairness throughout the election. Students can use their application essay as their speech, but are encouraged to come up with something more creative (song, poem, or something else!) We also encourage students to dress nicely. This year, props are allowed during speeches. Each class will then vote on one representative - the student with the majority of votes will win the class election.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS:** When considering this opportunity for your child, please have a conversation about how only one person gets chosen per class. This is NOT a reason to turn down the opportunity to run. Much can be learned from defeat - sometimes even more than a victory.
- **First Meeting:** Our first class council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see the back for a tentative meeting schedule. All students will need to bring ten dollars to the first meeting to contribute towards the cost of a student council t-shirt. The opportunity to run for officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary & Historian) will also be presented during the our meeting.

## Application Part I: Expectations of a Student Council Member

1. Class representatives are **strong student leaders** and serve as role models among peers.
2. Class representatives are **known as respectful, kind, and helpful** in the classroom. They demonstrate "CHOMP" at all times.
3. Class representatives have **high academic standards**. They complete assignments on time and put forth their best effort.
4. Class representatives **attend all student council meetings**. If a conflict arises, he/she is responsible for meeting with another council representative to catch up on what he/she missed during the meeting.  
*\*\*Students are responsible for their own transportation home on meeting days.*
5. Class representatives are **proud to be a Sycamore Creek Crocodile**, and work to make our school better each day. They encourage classmates to participate in school-wide events and projects.

*As a candidate for student council, I agree to uphold these expectations. I understand inconsistency in meeting these expectations may result in removal my removal from the Sycamore Creek Student Council.*

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My signature

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Parent Signature

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Parent E-Mail  
*Please Print Clearly*

## Application Part 2: Teacher Recommendations

Signatures of two teachers at Sycamore Creek who have seen me meet these expectations and know I would be an excellent member of Student Council:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Printed name)

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## Application Part 3: Essay

*Each applicant must write an essay that responds to the following:*

1. Why do you want to be a member of SCES Student Council?
2. Name the other activities you are involved in at Sycamore Creek and outside of school. Explain how you will balance your time during the school year.
3. Pick a 2-3 of your GREAT qualities to describe and give examples of. How would these help to make you a great student council member? (Ideas: responsible, on time, prepared, helpful, kind, respectful)

*Please keep the following requirements in mind:*

- Essays should be between 150-300 words.
- Essays should be typed in size 12 font and double-spaced.
- Keep an extra copy of your essay for you! You will not receive your applications back once they've been turned in.

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## Tentative Student Council Meeting Dates 2015-2016

Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30 PM

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30 PM

Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30 PM

\*1-2 intermittent morning meetings during November service project\*

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30 PM

**\*\*Winter/Spring meetings to be announced!\*\***

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*Thank you so much for your interest in SCES Student Council! Please remember that only one student per class is chosen. If you don't get chosen this year, we'd love to have you apply again next year! Remember, there are many great extra-curricular opportunities at our school. There are always plenty of chances to be involved even if you are not a part of student council!*