

Student Council Officer Application

President

Vice President

Secretary

Historian

Election Process:

- Interested council members complete the application below and turn it in at the start of the meeting on Thursday, September 24th.
- Candidates will make a short speech (max of 3 minutes) at the September 24th meeting.
- Class representatives will vote to determine student officers.

Important Reminders:

- We encourage students to make voting decisions not based on friendships, promises or peer pressure. We want students to listen to speeches and choose the candidate they truly feel would do the best job. For this reason, campaigning is NOT allowed. Students are welcome to be creative in the way they deliver their speech, but the use of props is not permitted. All students must stick to the time limit of 3 minutes.
- Council members vote to determine officer positions. The positions are not decided on by a school-wide vote.
- Students MAY run for more than one position. In fact, this is encouraged!

General Expectations of a Student Council Officer

- Officers are **very strong student leaders** and serve as role models among peers.
- Officers are **known as respectful, kind, and helpful** in the classroom. They demonstrate "CHOMP" at all times.
- Officers have **high academic standards**. They complete assignments on time and put forth their best effort.
- Officers are held to a higher standard and asked to **attend ALL student council meetings**. If you know you will be out of town or unable to attend a meeting during your track-out, please talk to Mrs. Shank.

Candidate Application:

Office(s) I am running for: _____ Grade and Track: _____

Student Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Step 1: Read the officer descriptions on the back of this page. Then answer the following questions on a sheet of paper. (You may also type answers.)

- 1) The reason I am running for _____ is...
(Why do you want to be elected? How do you want to impact our school community if you are elected?)
- 2) I've read ALL the responsibilities related to the position I'm running for. (Remember, these are listed on the back.)
I'd be great at fulfilling these responsibilities because...

Step 2: Prepare your speech! *Remember, you want to communicate why you'd be great at the position.* You will deliver the speech at our second meeting on September 24th. Speeches should last at most three minutes. You can be creative in the delivery of your speech (singing, poems, raps, etc. are allowed), but you cannot use props. Don't forget to PRACTICE before our meeting!

*Note: You can prepare TWO speeches if you plan to run for two positions.

Step 3: Turn in your application at the start of our meeting on September 24th. Deliver your speech to council members. Good luck! 😊

Officer Responsibilities

President (Fifth Grader)

- Acting as an exemplary role model in behavior and academics
- Meets with Ms. Edmister and/or Ms. McHenry for 30 minutes prior to each meeting to plan the agenda.
- Presiding as the Chairman over all student council meetings
- Practicing positive leadership skills by ensuring that the Student Council considers all proposals and concerns of students and faculty members.
- Carrying out any other duties which will promote the aims of the student council

Vice President (Fourth Grader)

- Acting as an exemplary role model in behavior and academics
- Aiding the President in his/her role
- Taking over the President's duties when absent or otherwise unable to fulfill his/her role
- Carrying out any other duties which will promote the aims of the student council

Secretary (Fourth or Fifth Grader)

- Acting as an exemplary role model in behavior and academics
- Good typing skills
- Recording significant Student Council matters, including notes from meetings of the Student Council and the Officers
- Publishing the notes on our website for each Student Council meeting for students to review
- Carrying out any other duties which will promote the aims of the student council

Historian (Fourth or Fifth Grader)

- Acting as an exemplary role model in behavior and academics
- Take pictures during each student council meeting using an SCES camera
- Create a slideshow at the end of the year (with the help of advisors) for our last meeting!
- Other possible ideas: post pictures on our website, take video of student council events, use the green screen in the Croc Commons