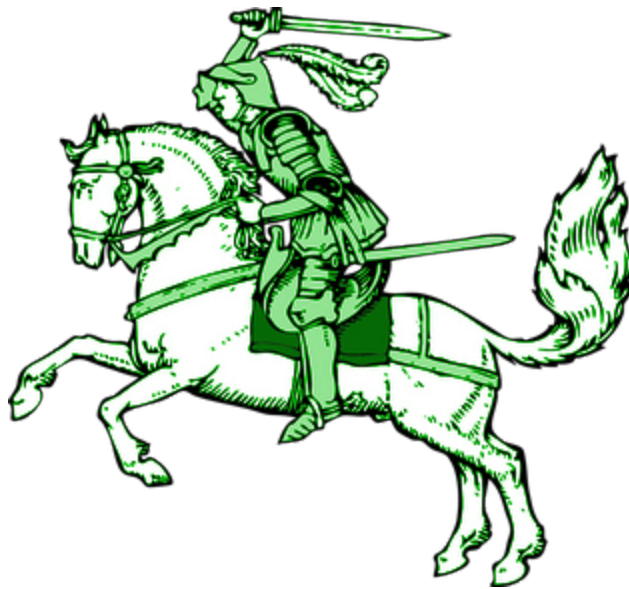


Student Council Handbook 2016-17



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Student Council

The student council will consist of four elected officers from grades sixth through eighth. It will also include two representatives from each class grades five through eight.

Eligibility

- Students must have at least a C in all of their classes/subjects in their previous semester and maintain a C in the current quarter.
- Students must have no office referrals or suspensions during the previous quarter.
- Two teacher signatures
- Ten student signatures
- Officers will be elected at the beginning of each school year.

Principles

- The council will be student-centered. Students will drive event planning and event suggestions. New ideas will always be considered.
- When applicable, the community will always be considered and/or involved in student council events.
- When possible, ideas and suggestions will be taken from the entire student body.
- The purpose of all student council activities is for student involvement, community benefit, social interaction, learning , and fun.
- Officers will be the lead decision-makers of the student council.

Officer Roles President

- Must be an seventh or eighth grade student
- Leads the agenda with sponsors and other officers
- Works closely with sponsors and principal
- Calls each meeting to order
- Listens carefully to discussion and summarizes the discussion
- Delegates responsibilities: who will work on what committee, etc.
- Make speeches at school functions—introduces games, etc
- Participates in all Student Council Activities

Vice President

- Must be seventh or eighth grade student
- Helps lead the meeting and activities with other officers
- Serves as chairman for some committees
- Takes the lead when president is absent
- Make speeches at school functions.
- Makes sure lower level classrooms are informed of activities
- Participate in all Student Council Activities

Secretary

- Must be sixth, seventh or eighth grade student
- Develop a list of representatives
- Take roll at meetings
- Take notes at meetings
- Collects written votes / motions
- Write thank you notes as necessary

- Makes speeches at school functions
- Participate in all Student Council Activities

Historian

- Can be a sixth, seventh or eighth grade student
- Takes photographs of all activities
- Maintains photo book and description of activities
- Keeps record of student council activities
- Makes speeches at school functions
- Participate in all Student Council Activities

All candidates will give a speech to the student body and be voted on by grades fifth through eighth. The speech will include:

A. Who are you? What office are you running for and why? B. What leadership qualities do you have? C. How will you use your positive qualities to make a difference at SKS? D. What is one program / activity you would focus on? Why / How?

Election of Officers

- Students wishing to run for student council office must pick up a application from the sponsor at the informational meeting. They must have the signatures of no less than 10 voters and two teachers. The petition must be turned in within five days after the overview meeting.
- No more than five posters may be put up. The posters must be stated in a positive manner. The posters cannot obstruct or deface property. Each party will be responsible for the removal of campaign materials after the election.

Classroom Representative

- Two members will be selected by grade level during homeroom at the beginning of each school year after election of officers.
- Represents the interest of the class who elected him/her
- Brings the ideas, interests, and concerns of his/her classmates to the student council meeting
- Attends all student council meetings
- Keeps class updated with student council activities
- Assists with committees as needed
- Participate in all Student Council Activities

Student Council Activities

- Meetings monthly
- Fun nights each month
- Spirit Assemblies
- Red Ribbon Week—spirit week-school spirit activities
- Office Appreciation Day—January
- Dr. Suess Night
- MAP Kick off—competition
- Teacher Appreciation Day—May
- Ballgames-work snack stand-cleanup-promote school spirit

