

Freshman Student Council Application

Each year, approximately eight 9th grade students are selected to be on the student council. Student council members represent the school and help to set up and run various programs. To run for student council, you must do the following things. All required information must be turned in by Wednesday April 16th. Any violation of campaign rules will result in school discipline and may result in disqualification. Here are the items that are required to run:

Application Packet (due April 16th)

1. Completed application, signed commitment statement, and parental permission (see back)
2. A one page, double spaced essay (12 pt font) describing why you want to be on student council and outlining what your goals are for the school
3. A written recommendation from a **CURRENT** teacher is required. This can be short (one paragraph or so) and must be emailed to Mrs. Murray or Mr. Rowley.
4. Attach a current transcript (available in the counseling center). You must have a minimum 3.0 GPA to run.

Campaigning Procedures

1. In a change from recent years, campaigning will be very minimal. Students may not pass out **ANYTHING**. Also campaign T-shirts, buttons, or other items are prohibited.
2. Students may hang two posters on the wall. Please remember these requirements:
 - Each candidate can make TWO posters about themselves --interests, talents, pictures, and so forth. The poster must be POSTER BOARD SIZED (no larger).
 - Please hang all posters on brick or paneling--not on windows, fire alarms, doors or pictures. The posters should be displayed during the election week in the hallway by the cafeteria. Posters may go up beginning the morning of Monday, April 21th.
 - Following the final elections, each candidate will remove their poster from the hallway by NOON on the final election day (Friday).
3. A primary election will be held April 23. Following the primary election the twelve highest vote recipients will be given a speech prompt to prepare a two minute speech to be given in an election assembly on May 5. Final elections will be that day, May 5th.

Application and Commitment Statement

I, _____ declare my candidacy for Student Council at Springville Junior High School for the upcoming school year.

As a member of student government, I will:

- Set a positive example for others, especially my peers, during and outside of school. I will be a good example in class and in the hallways.
- Be respectful of the school, teachers, faculty and staff, my peers in my behavior, attitude, and appearance.
- Follow all school rules, including the dress code.
- Make an extra effort to be on time to all of my classes.
- Make an extra effort to keep my grades up and do my best in all of my classes.
- Be friendly to my peers, even if I don't know them.
- Be honest in all that I do. That's how you gain trust with others (especially teachers).
- Not wander the halls nor interrupt classes unnecessarily.
- Participate in all school activities that I am able to (e.g. spirit weeks, dances, fundraisers, etc.).
- Commit to attending student council meetings during Quest Time, during lunch, or after school (as needed).

I have read and agree to the campaign guidelines and the commitment statement. I also understand that all election results are confidential and final.

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Reminder: All application materials must be turned in by Wednesday April 16th. Campaign posters may be hung beginning Monday, April 21st.