



Middle School

2019-2020

Student Council **OFFICER**

Information Packet

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THINGS TO TURN IN:

- Application
- Required Signatures Form

March 5, 2019

Dear Prospective 2019-2020 Student Council Officer Candidate,

I am so glad that you are considering taking on a leadership position on Franklin Academy's Middle School Student Council! The Franklin Academy Administration and I appreciate the fact that you want to get involved, serve, and connect with your fellow students, staff, and community.

Being a part of Student Council is an honor and a privilege. We are in charge of many important activities throughout the school year. It is required that each officer in Student Council takes the Student Council elective class. This is where we will get our work done and discuss school wide/community issues/projects. Occasionally, we may meet after school if needed. In addition, each Student Council officer will have the opportunity to attend district/county/state meetings held at various locations across our district/state. Beyond those meetings, there will be a multitude of optional projects, activities, conferences, and more.

As the advisor, I understand that a Student Council member has other obligations and responsibilities. Therefore, I will work individually with each member to make sure that he/she fully understands the commitment that is being made prior to assuming a responsibility. I want an open line of communication between members, officers, parents and us. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide an opportunity for all members to have hands on experiences that will teach time management skill, planning skills, organizational skill, conflict management, communication skill, personal development, leadership skills and much, much more.

Please complete the Application and Required signatures Form and return them to Mrs. Principe no later than 3pm on Monday, April 22nd. Officers will be required to sign up for an interview when they turn in their application/form. If Mrs. Principe isn't in her room, you can leave your application in the black bin hanging in the upstairs front office and sign up for an interview on the form attached to the clipboard.

Please read the entire Information and Election packet. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. Go Bolts!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Principe

Student Council Advisor

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Student Council Election Information

Student Council President, Vice President, Secretary, and Class Presidents

Requirements:

- Application and Forms
- Speech on Morning Announcements
- No disciplinary issues
- The position of Student Council President must be an incoming eighth grade and has served as a member during the 2018-2019 school year.

- The position of Student Council Vice President must have served a member during the 2018-2019 school year.

Election Point Division (On a 100 point scale)

- 30-Interviews
- 30-Faculty/Staff Vote
- 40-Student Body Vote

Election/Selection Schedule

April 16th, Tuesday 5-6 pm	Student Council Information Meeting (in the cafeteria and parents are strongly encouraged to attend)
April 22nd, Monday 3:00 pm	Student Council Applications Due
April 29th-May 2nd, Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-3:00 pm	Student Council Officer Campaigning
May 1st, Wednesday	Student Council Officer Interviews (must sign up for an interview when you turn in your application/signatures)
May 2nd, Thursday	Student Council Officer Speeches on announcements
May 3rd, Friday	Student Council Officer voting during Social Studies
May 6th, Monday	Officer Results Announcement
May 7th, Tuesday	Mandatory Student Council Banquet/Officer Induction

Franklin Academy Student Council Application

***Please answer questions on an additional piece of paper**

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Adult T-Shirt AND Polo Size: _____

I'm applying for the position of (please select one):

- Student Council President
- Student Council Vice President
- Student Council Secretary
- Sixth Grade Class President
- Seventh Grade Class President
- Eighth Grade Class President

Current Schedule: Include Class name, teacher's name, and room number.

Period 1: _____

Period 2: _____

Period 3: _____

Period 4: _____

Period 5: _____

Period 6: _____

1. List all sports, clubs, and other extra-curricular activities in which you are involved and any leadership positions held.
2. List any community service volunteer activities or clubs you are in or have been involved in outside of school.
3. Why do you want to be in Franklin Academy's Student Council?
4. What are some ideas you have to make Franklin Academy more enjoyable for students and faculty? How will your ideas change Franklin Academy students and/or staff?
5. If you attended Franklin Academy in previous years, what was your favorite event/activity that Student Council hosted? Why? What would you change to make the event even better?

Required Signatures Form

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Secure three teacher/staff signatures that support your candidacy for Student Council.

Teachers/Staff-By signing below you are endorsing the above student to run for Franklin Academy Student Council. If you have any concerns, please let Mrs. Principe know in writing or in person by April 22nd.

1) Teacher/Staff Signature: _____

Additional Comments:

2) Teacher/Staff Signature: _____

Additional Comments:

3) Teacher/Staff Signature: _____

Additional Comments:

CANDIDATE/PARENT SIGNATURE

I, _____, am interested in holding a Franklin Academy Student Council position. I am announcing my candidacy for _____ (position). I have read the Campaign Integrity Contract and the Franklin Academy Student Council Responsibilities Contract, and I agree to comply with the standards set in both documents.

Candidate Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Campaign Integrity Contract

During my campaign I will abide by the following guidelines:

- I will not use inappropriate language and images during my campaign.
- I will not deface or remove any other candidate's campaign materials.
- I will behave with dignity, integrity, and respect towards my opponents.
- I will conduct myself with maturity and honesty throughout my campaign.
- I understand that I am responsible for the actions of my personal supporters and campaign helpers.
- I will accept the results of the election with maturity and respect.

I understand that if I do not abide by these guidelines that my candidacy may be subject to review.

Campaign Rules

General Criteria:

- Appropriate language, free of put downs, negative innuendos, and profanity, is to be used on all of your campaign materials.
- YOU must take down, posters and banners at the LATEST, Friday, May 3rd at 8:00 A.M.
- Materials may **only** be hung in the Middle School hallway, cafeteria on windows, and also in teacher classrooms with their permission with **painters tape** only.
- Handouts including, but not limited to, fliers (no larger than regular paper size 8.5 x 11), pamphlets, stickers, and buttons may be used with the understanding that damages to school property must be cleaned/removed at the expense of the candidate. **No candy allowed.**

Poster/Banner Criteria:

- No more than 5 posters and 1 banner.
- Each poster must be no larger than 2' x 3' -a combined total of this size may be used for 1 or 2 large posters of combined measurements.
- Banners must be no larger than 3' x 7'

Speeches:

- Live speeches will be held on the announcements and cannot be longer than one minute.

Franklin Academy Student Council Responsibilities Contract

1. I will be an exemplary student and citizen through my conduct and academic studies. **This is a full-time commitment for the entire term of office.**
2. I understand that any suspension from school will cause for my immediate dismissal from my Student Council position, unless an administrator overrules this.
3. I will sign up for the Student Council elective class for the entire year I am in office. If I am unable to take this elective, I will forfeit my position.
4. I will be in attendance for required Student Council activities, and understand that I will receive demerits if I am unable to attend.
5. I will maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above.
6. I will need, at times, to be available before and after school, and on non-school days.
7. I will show and have respect for others and myself at all times. I will remember who I am and who I represent – Franklin Academy and Student Council.
8. I understand and accept that Franklin Academy faculty members shall monitor the election results and those decisions will be final.
9. I have read and understand the Franklin Academy Student Council Constitution.
10. I understand that if elected/selected, I may receive demerits for various reasons (failure to turn in money in a timely manner, inappropriate behavior, failure to attend Student Council functions, etc.) and that earning 16 demerits will result in probation; 18 results in removal from the organization.
11. I understand that I may be asked to leave campus on Student Council-related errands or field trips, and pledge to behave responsibly, reflecting the best of Student Council, school and myself.
12. I understand that I will be working with equipment and supplies and will be held responsible for any damage and/or waste due to negligence.
13. I understand that if I am going to be absent, I need to inform the advisor **prior to the meeting time** and failure to do so may result in demerits.
14. I understand that I will be responsible for participating in various fund-raising activities and that I am responsible for turning in all monies in a timely manner.
15. I understand that I will be expected to pay Student Council dues in the amount of \$100 by August 30th, 2019 (or make a payment if a payment plan is needed). I understand that these dues will go towards my Student Council polo and other miscellaneous Student Council-related expenses.

