



Middle School

2018-2019

Student Council Officer

Information and

Election Packet

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THINGS TO TURN IN:

- Application
- Required Signatures Form

April 17, 2018

Dear Prospective 2018-2019 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 attends weekly after school meetings. This is where we will get our work done and discuss school wide/community issues/projects. Tuesday meetings are mandatory business meetings for all Student Council members and Thursdays are committee work days. 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 3 p.m. on Monday, May 14th. Officers will be required to sign up for an interview when they turn in their application/form. If Mrs. Principe is in her room, you can leave your application in the black bin hanging by her door 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, and Secretary

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 2017-2018 school year.
- The position of Student Council **Vice President** must have served a member during the 2017-2018 school year.
- The position of Student Council **Secretary** can be an incoming 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student and does **not** have to have been a member of Student Council during the 2017-2018 school year.

Election Point Division (On a 100 point scale)

30-Interviews

30-Faculty/Staff Vote

40-Student Body Vote

Officer Election/Selection Schedule

May 14th, 3:00 pm	Student Council Applications Due
May 21st-25th, 8:00 am-3:00 pm	Student Council Officer Campaigning
May 21st-22nd, 3:00-4:00 pm	Student Council Officer Interviews (must sign up for an interview when you turn in your application/signatures in room 242)
May 24th, 8:00 am	Student Council Officer Speeches in cafeteria
May 25th, 8:30 am-3:00 pm	Student Council Officer voting during Social Studies (all campaign materials must be taking down before the first bell)
May 29th, 8:00 am	Officer Candidate Announcement in cafeteria
May 30th, 3:15-4:15 pm	Mandatory Officer Meeting with Mrs. Principe (room 242)

Franklin Academy Student Council Application

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

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Adult T-Shirt/Polo Size: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____ Parent Phone Number: _____

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

- ☐ Student Council President
- ☐ Student Council Vice President
- ☐ Student Council Secretary

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 a candidate for this prestigious leadership role in Franklin Academy's Student Council?
4. What are some ideas you have for the position? What qualities do you possess that will make you successful at this position?
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/STAFF 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 May 14th.

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 Officer 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 putdowns, 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 25 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 in the cafeteria and cannot be longer than one minute.

****Failure to follow these guidelines may result in one's candidacy being reviewed.***

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 (May 29th, 2018-May 29th, 2019).**
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 attend the Student Council meetings for the entire year I am in office. If I am unable to be a member at the meetings, 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 3.0 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 the first meeting in September 2018 (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.