

**Kimberley Park Elementary School
Student Council
2021-2022**

Mission Statement:

Kimberley Park Elementary School Student Council provides leadership opportunities for interested students. Student Council members represent students and promote the core values of the school's mission. Members respond to student issues and create student activities that promote enthusiasm and school spirit, building a community where people are valued and respected. Student Council members work with students, school staff, and parents to make things happen in a timely manner.

Objectives:

Student participating in Student Council Program will...

1. Develop effective communication skills
2. Take on leadership opportunities
3. Have strategies for problem solving
4. Improve peer relationships
5. Express and develop a shared vision
6. Enjoy the process

Requirements of Candidacy and Positions:

Candidates and Leaders must

1. Demonstrate Good Citizenship: An elected representative is expected to demonstrate good citizenship, or they may be removed from the ballot or their position.
2. Maintain Good Academic Standing: Students must have and maintain a C or higher grade in every class, unless permission is granted by a committee of teachers.
 1. Be involved in Student Council Activities: Students must consistently attend meetings, meet deadlines, plan and coordinate activities which can occur during or after school and sometimes on weekends.

Point Requirements for Membership:

Each Representative and Officer must earn the required number of points each quarter. Failure to earn the required points will result in probation and/or dismissal. ***Points can be obtained from non-school sponsored events as well.**

A. The point system for each position is as follows:

1. Officers: 25 points minimum
2. Representatives: 20 points minimum

B. The point system is as follows:

1. Student Council Meetings: 5 points
2. Athletic Events: 2 points
3. Fine Arts Events: 2 points
4. Other School Events (ex: Open house): 2 points
5. PTSA Meetings: 2 points
6. Fundraising: 2 points
7. All A's in a quarter grading period: 15 points
8. Perfect Attendance in a quarter grading period: 10 points
9. Community Service Projects: 10 points
10. Service to a teacher: 5 points

The Points System will begin 2nd Quarter. In order to maintain Student Council status, officers and representatives must turn in the required point sheet at the end of each quarter to Mr. Smoot, Student Council Advisor or Ms. Miles, Student Council Co-Advisor.

Application Process:

1. Students must fill out the required Candidacy Eligibility Form. This form requires one teacher statement of recommendation and one statement about yourself with an explanation of what qualities you have for the position. Turn in your Eligibility Form and Speech Outline by **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**, to Mr. Smoot or Ms. Miles. (Students running for Student Council Representative **DO NOT** need a teacher recommendation).
2. Students running for elected positions (except student council representatives) **must create a written speech** using the Student Council Candidacy Speech Outline.
3. Candidates running for an **Executive Branch** must present a speech no longer than two-minutes speech during the school news broadcast on **Friday, September 17, 2021**.
4. Voting will take place **Friday, September 17, 2021**, and the winners of the Executive Election and Representative election will be announced the same day.

Student Council Executive Branch and Job Descriptions:

President (candidates must be in the 5th grade):

The Student Council President sets the agenda for all Student Council activities with the assistance of the Vice President. Other responsibilities include leading meetings, keeping the council on task, creating goals, developing activities, and delegating responsibilities. The President should have good leadership and communication skills.

Vice President (candidates must be in the 4th or 5th grade):

The Student Council Vice President helps to carry out the agenda set forth by the President. In the event the President is not present or unable to fulfill his/her duties, the Vice President would assume the role of the President. The Vice President should have good leadership and communication skills.

Secretary (candidates must be in the 4th or 5th grade):

The School Student Council Secretary helps to carry out the agenda set forth by the President and keeping minutes during meetings. The Secretary should have good organizational and communication skills.

Treasurer (candidates must be in the 4th or 5th grade):

The Student Council Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the student council budget. Fundraising events are also managed by the treasurer, who must ensure all funds are used responsibly.

Student Council Representative and Job Description (6 available positions):

Representatives (candidates must be in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade/1 from each class):

A Student Council Representative's job is to visit classrooms and present Student Council news, must attend meetings, help plan events, and support the executive branch. Student council representatives are elected by fellow students in their class.

Statement of Recommendation: *(Students running for Student Council Representative **DO NOT** need a teacher recommendation)

Teacher Statement

I, _____, recommend _____

for the position of _____.

He/She would be a good candidate because (give a specific example) ...

TO BE FILLED OUT BY CANDIDATE

STUDENT COUNCIL OATH:

"With my candidacy for the school student council, I understand that I am expected to behave, interact, and in all ways demonstrate, to the best of my ability, the values and mission of the student council and Kimberley Park Elementary School. I understand that any acts of bullying, vandalism or any direct insubordination of a teacher or administrator could be grounds for removal of the council.

Candidate Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Council Candidacy Speech Outline

I, _____, have been nominated and am running for the position of _____.

Attention Getter

Ask a question or state a problem you see about the elementary school. Quick story or experience.

Ex: "Do you want to have more school clubs?"

Main Idea

What do you see as the responsibilities of the position you are running for? What skills do you have? What have you done that makes you qualified? Be specific.

Call to Action

What is your vision? What are your values? Why should we vote for you?
