

Central High School
Class Officer & Student Council
Candidate Election Application
2023-2024

Due: 02/10/23

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Class Officers & Student Council

Purpose

The purpose of class officers and student council is to promote student commitment to character, cooperation, school spirit, and community service as well as assist in the management of school affairs. Student government is a self-supporting organization where members provide leadership and set exemplary examples of how to be a model student to others. Class officers and student council members represent Central High School both during school and after school hours.

Elections

Upperclassmen, rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students, apply to be on the student ballot as a member of student council or as a specific class officer.

Rising 9th grade students complete the same application as upperclassmen. These students must meet the same standards set forth for upperclassmen. Rising 9th grade elections take place at Central Middle School during their 8th grade year.

Students will be notified of ballot acceptance one (1) week prior to the election week.

Election Application and Eligibility

Students wishing to represent their class as a class officer or member of student council must be **dedicated** and **willing to handle the responsibility of the position.** Being a class officer or member of student council is a privilege and honor. Students are expected to hold themselves to a higher standard as they represent the school along with the entire student body. Running for class officer or student council means you are willing to work, come to meetings, participate in the required events, and represent your class student body; this is not a popularity contest.

- 10th, 11th, 12th grade applicants, who have previously served, must have met all of the previous year's requirements and Honor Cord eligibility standards to be considered for the current year ballot.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) must be a minimum of 3.5 or higher for all officer candidate applications. Cumulative GPA will be verified through the first semester of the current school year.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) must be a minimum of 3.0 or higher for all student council candidate applications. Cumulative GPA will be verified through the first semester of the current school year.
- All applicants for class officer and student council members must have no more than two (2) unexcused absences per semester. All attendance will be verified by the school registrar prior to applications being accepted for the ballot.
- Applicants must have no disciplinary incidents resulting in ISS, OSS, or alternative school placement, for any reason.
- Class Officers and Student Council members meet at 7:45 a.m. Applicants should take this into account prior to running for office. Meetings are a requirement and if this meeting time doesn't work for your schedule, consider this before you apply.

Senior (12th Grade) Class Officer Eligibility

Students seeking a position as senior Class Officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) must meet the following criteria.

- Applicants have met criteria for Application and Election eligibility.

- Applicants have previously held a Class Officer position.

Rising 12th grade students seeking a senior Class Officer position (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer) must have previously held a Class Officer position. Rising seniors may run for student council position without previous experience. Note: Holding a Class Officer or Student Council position is a privilege, as is being recognized with Honor Cords and a seat on the stage at graduation. Students who are deemed ineligible for cords are ineligible for stage seating during the graduation ceremony.

Honor Cord Eligibility

Class Officers and Student Council members are asked to represent Central High School with the highest degree of personal integrity. Students are expected to follow the Honor Code and be model students. Service Honor Cords are awarded based on the following honor criteria.

- Completing a minimum of two (2) years of service.
- Being an active member when elected to serve.
- Participation in at least 80% of all meetings.
- Participation in a minimum of four (4) full Homecoming preparation days.
- Participation in planning, decorating for, and cleaning up for the Sadie Hawkins dance.
- Participate in reading the morning announcements.
- Work closely with the administration in regards to establishing and promoting Student Section themes.
- Participation in two (2) fundraising events.
- Participation in two (2) school service projects.
- No disciplinary incidents resulting in, In School Suspension (ISS), Out of School Suspension (OSS), or alternative school placement.
- Participants must place higher priority to Class Officer/Student Council position over other club participation.

Students will receive a formal Honor Cord Code Letter once elected to serve. Letters must be signed by the student and parent and turned in before the student is considered an active class officer or student council member. *Lack of participation of mentioned requirements in previous years of service makes one ineligible to run the following year. Participants who break honor cord eligibility within the serving school year could be asked to step down from officer or council position.*

Service and Leadership

Once elected, class officers and student council members will be asked to participate in a variety of community service and school service activities. Taking the initiative to be involved, volunteer for events, and being on time is expected of all members.

Service and leadership events include, but are not limited to the follow:

- Open House
- Homecoming student and community events
- Sadie Hawkins
- Cluster Annual Report Night
- 9th Grade Tours
- Hall of Fame Dinner

- Parent Orientation Night
- Graduation
- Kindness Week and other activities for enriching the community
- Tee Shirt design and sales

Senior Class Officers assist with, but are not limited to:

- Alumni tee shirt design and distribution
- Cap and gown distribution
- Morning announcements

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2023-2024 Campaigning Guidelines & Protocol

- Send a positive message to your classmates.
- All posters and signs must be hung with **blue** painter's tape.
- Do not tape signs to the pillars in the 3-story building.
- No one can give prospective voters **anything** to encourage them to vote (candy, T-shirts, etc.).
- Do not bash other candidates. Mentioning the other candidates through negative campaigning will disqualify you from the election. This includes through social media outlets.
- Do not destroy other candidate signage.
- Do not use foul language or make disrespectful remarks about other candidates on social media. This is grounds for disqualification.
- Campaigning will be completed by the end of school on the Thursday prior to Friday's election.
- Campaigning can only start the week of election and not prior.
- Campaigning can't be done by anyone other than yourself.
- Remove all campaign signs no later than the Monday following the election.

**~Student Government Application Form~
Class Officer & Student Council Members
Form due to Mrs. Martin on 2/10/23!**

*****IMPORTANT:** Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Martin will talk with you on February 13th if you are not eligible to run for election. If you do not hear from us, assume you are eligible and begin campaigning for your position. We will vote the week after winter break.***

Name _____ Class of _____

Student ID # _____ Grade in 2023-2024 _____

Student Email Address _____

Student cell phone number _____

Clubs & Extra-Curricular _____

Write a brief paragraph explaining why you should be elected to represent your class as a Class Officer or member of the Student Council.

Write a brief paragraph explaining why you want to run as a Class Officer or member of Student Council.

I understand that I am running for either class officer or student council class representative. I understand I cannot run for both class office and student council. I would like to (circle one) run for

Class Officer

OR

Student Council

~ If running for Class Officer circle the office for which you would like to run. ~

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Student Signature

Parent Signature

By signing this application I understand I am volunteering time in support of Central High School. I understand I will be asked to work on Homecoming events and various assemblies and events throughout the school year. I also understand that should I fall short of my Class Officer and/or Student Council duties, I may be asked to vacate my elected position and I may not receive an Honor Cord. To be eligible for the cord I must comply with all points presented in the Honor Cord Letter and application statement. It is my responsibility to sign the attendance sheet for each meeting and activity.

Late applications WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.