

PETITION FOR WELDON ELEMENTARY
STUDENT LEADERSHIP

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS and general duties*:

6th graders may run for:

President: Morning announcements; assisting advisor (Mrs. Cole) and administration (Mr. Lozano and Mr. Bolls) as needed.

5th and 6th graders may run for:

Vice President: Morning announcements; assisting advisors and administration as needed.

Secretary: Keeps minutes of all student council meetings; Creates signs and flyers for student council events.

Treasurer: Responsible for Weldon Student Council fundraisers or donation drives.

Athletics Commissioners: Collecting athletic equipment from classrooms; inflating equipment; bring out and putting playground equipment away daily.

Rally Commissioner: Assists with rally organization; Promotes school spirit

4th, 5th and 6th graders may run for:

Lost & Found Commissioner: Organizes the Lost & Found; Delivers labeled lost and found items to students; organizes a quarterly lost & found clean up

Senators: Presents grade level concerns at student council meetings; Regularly meets with grade level to announce student council activities

*additional duties may be added/deleted based on need of advisors and administration.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each candidate must obtain 20 signatures on their petitions for office from any 4th, 5th, or 6th grade student attending Weldon Elementary School. Please have students sign both first and last name.
2. Candidates must obtain at least a “C” or better average in academic work.
3. Candidates must maintain at least a “satisfactory” or above in citizenship with **no suspensions** and **no office referrals** during the 15-16 school year.
4. Candidates must maintain approval from their classroom teacher and parent/guardian.
5. Candidates must submit speech by due date given.
6. Students cannot be elected to the same office for both semesters. If you were elected for the Fall semester, you may not run for the **same** office in the spring.

CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES:

The guidelines have been created to promote a fun and fair chance for all students to participate in the election process and to help make a positive experience for your child.

1. **Petitions and 2 speeches (a copy for the advisors AND a copy for yourself) will be due to Mrs. Cole on Friday.** Paperwork may be turned in earlier if completed before that date. Be sure to make an extra copy of your speech for yourself.

Speeches must be at **least 1 paragraph long**, but no more than 1-2 minutes in length, and emphasize the qualities and experiences the candidate believes will qualify him/her for Student Body Office. **NO SIGNS, MUSIC, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION, PROPS OF ANY KIND, OR PROMISES ARE**

ALLOWED. For example, “If you elect me, Mr. Lozano will dye his hair purple for morning announcements.” *Interactive* jokes, including “knock-knock” jokes, are no longer permitted. Just tell us about yourself, your qualities and why you would like to serve Weldon this semester.

Responsibility is a key aspect of all positions. **ALL speeches must be typed, or legibly printed, and MUST be submitted to advisors for approval by due date given- NO EXCEPTIONS. Your name will only appear on the voting ballot if your speech is turned in on time.** Advisors will read all speeches and may require changes to be made to your speech to meet eligibility requirements. Students may NOT deviate (change) from their final copy that has been turned in, unless changes HAVE BEEN APPROVED by an advisor. Any speech that is deemed inappropriate or deviating in context will result in the student being disqualified from being elected. This has been approved by administration.

2. **Candidates may not wear personalized t-shirts, sign boards, or hand out gifts, food, money, stickers, and/or special favors to promote their campaign.**
3. **Optional: Each candidate is allowed one poster to be hung up on the poles outside the MPR after the attached petition is completed and turned in. Posters may not be larger than 12” x 18” in size (standard classroom construction paper size).** Larger boards will not be allowed for any reason. The poster board will be provided by the school. Posters must be shown to an advisor for approval.
4. **Each candidate running for office will present his/her campaign speech to the student body on Wednesday.** Voting will be held in the classroom after the assembly.
5. Violation of any of the stated rules may result in disqualification. If you are unsure of any of the rules, please contact an advisor to clarify.

*******Thank you for running for a Student Body Office this semester! We appreciate your wanting to make Weldon even better! Good luck with your campaign and your speech on Thursday! If you have any questions or concerns, please see an advisor immediately. We are glad to help.**

Agreement of Campaign Conditions
Parental and Teacher Consent Form

I, _____, hereby proclaim that I am a candidate for the office of _____. I have read and understand the conditions of running for such office and understand that I am to follow all of the rules of the campaign. I will at all times conduct myself in a manner that is befitting a school leader.

The student listed above has my permission to run for a Weldon student body office.

Signed, _____
(parent or guardian)

The student listed above is in my classroom and has met all of the academic and citizenship requirements needed in order to run for office.

Signed, _____
(classroom teacher)

Please get 20 signatures (no more are necessary) and turn in your petition ASAP.

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| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

I am aware if I am elected I will attend mandatory monthly meetings and complete my assigned duties based on my elected position. If I miss more than 2 meetings or do not regularly complete my duties I may be removed from my position and/or not receive Block W credit. *Citizenship is to be satisfactory as judged by administration and advisors. Students with serious discipline referrals may not participate. The advisors and administration will have discretion to suspend student leadership activities and duties.*

_____ **(Student Signature)**