

315 - GWA Student Council Policy and Guidelines

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The Student Council offers students in grades 6-8 meaningful and fun opportunities to participate in school operations. At the beginning of each school year, members of the Student Council will elect Student Body Officers. These officers will meet with classroom representatives and the Student Council Faculty Advisor(s) (appointed by the Principal).

GWA Student Council Guidelines

I. The name of this organization shall be GWA Student Council

II. The purpose of GWA Student Council shall be:

1. To represent the students of each homeroom at the Council meetings.
2. To enforce and model school policies and regulations.
3. To organize social events and volunteer projects.
4. To perpetuate school pride and spirit.
5. To have the Council students participate in more extracurricular activities.
6. To make students aware and to heighten participation in the community.
7. To strive for good citizenship.
8. To respect all individuals in the school and community.
9. To involve all students in sharing ideas to make our school the best it can be.
10. To help all students work together in our school.
11. To have all students practice democracy in action.
12. To help other citizens and groups in our community.

Note: every activity must fulfill a purpose stated above. The principal and the advisor(s) shall be the final authority over all actions/activities of the GWA Student Council.

III. Elections & Voting:

1. The election of officers and representatives shall follow procedures approved by the Principal.
2. The Council is chosen in or by September of each school year.
3. Every 6th-8th grade classroom needs a student council representative.
4. All 6th-8th grade classroom representatives will be elected by application qualification and their homeroom.
5. Only 6th-8th grade GWA students will vote for the officers.
6. The officers shall be the President (8th grade), Vice-President (7th grade), and Secretary (6th grade).
7. The term of office for all officers and representatives shall be one school year.
8. The advisor shall be a member of the school staff who shall be responsible for fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of an advisor.

9. After prequalification from Student Council Advisors, each homeroom shall nominate two or more students to be candidates for election.
10. Election of Student Council representatives shall take place in homerooms. The student receiving the majority of votes shall be declared the representative. The student receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve as alternate.
11. Any and all actions of the Student Council are not official until approved by the Executive Director

IV. Attendance & Conduct:

1. A representative that misses three (2) or more Student Council meetings without prior notification to the Council advisors will receive a warning that could result in a dismissal from the Council. If the representative continues to miss meetings after the warning is given, dismissal will occur.
2. A ten minute grace period shall be established at the commencement of each meeting. Any member reporting to the meeting after the grace period shall be charged with an unexcused absence.
3. Any conduct unbecoming of a representative, that is detrimental to the reputation of the Student Council, may result in the dismissal of the representative. The behavior is subject to a majority vote of the Council representatives and approval by the advisors and Executive Director
4. Any representative who receives a "C-" or lower on their report card or, "is suspended, expelled, or have more than 3 referrals," may be placed on probation until Advisors observe adequate progress about the representative's grades and behavior.
5. Conduct and effort must always be satisfactory.

V. Qualifications of the Student Council Officers:

1. Must have attended GWA for one year before the election.
2. Must acquire a "B" average; no grades lower than a "C".
3. Must have satisfactory conduct and effort.

VI. Duties:

A. The President

- a. Plans the agenda with the other officers and gets approval from the advisor.
- b. Presides over all the Student Council meetings.
- c. Represents the student body at school and civic meetings.
- d. Delivers a school message during morning announcements.
- e. Forms/Coordinates committees for various activities.
- f. Votes in case of a tie.
- g. Performs weekly responsibilities for school efficiency.
- h. Conducts him/herself with academic integrity and exemplary conduct.

B. The Vice President

- a. Assists the President in all activities.

- b. Plans and organizes school activities.
 - c. Serves in the absence of President.
 - d. Perform weekly responsibilities for school efficiency.
 - e. Conducts him/herself with academic integrity and exemplary conduct.
- C. The Secretary
- a. Keeps an accurate record of all student council meetings.
 - b. Makes copies of minutes and distributes them to President, Advisor, Faculty and the Executive Director
 - c. Handles all correspondence.
 - d. Perform weekly responsibilities for school efficiency.
 - e. Conducts him/herself with academic integrity and exemplary conduct.
- D. The Classroom Representative
- a. Attend student council meetings and report back to classrooms.
 - b. Report class feedback to the council.
 - c. Perform weekly responsibilities for school efficiency.
 - d. Conducts him/herself with academic integrity and exemplary conduct.