

2017 Student Government / Student Senate Elections

All candidates must email Mr. Merritt confirming that they have filed a petition.

Timeline

Friday, May 5: petitions available in the north and south main offices

Friday, May 12: all petitions must be submitted to Mr. Merritt by 3:30 PM

Wednesday and Thursday, May 17 and 18: student government election debates

Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26: elections

Friday, May 26: all candidates attend results meeting in the last block of the day

Advisor Information

Student Government	Mr. Merritt	64 North
Senior Senate	Mr. Kissell	236 North
Junior Senate	Mr. Davy	254 North
Sophomore Senate	Mr. Brigman	North Counseling Office

Student Government

The student government is a multifaceted institution that serves many roles. These include but are not limited to:

- gauging the student body's opinions on school policies and reporting these opinions to the administration
- informing the student body about new school policies
- advocating for or against specific school policies to the administration and to the school board
- promoting student involvement in local, state and national government

There are **FIVE** student government officers that are elected by the entire student body (this is a decrease from previous years, when the number was six). Their duties and qualifications are listed below.

President

Communicates directly with the school board and the administration to discuss school policy. Schedules and guides meetings of the student government leadership council. Sets broad goals for the student government.

- **Must have been a member of student government for two years.**

Vice President

Assists the president and takes on the president's duties when he or she is unable to do so. May receive some delegated powers from the president if the president wishes.

- **Must have been a member of student government for one year.**

Secretary

Organizes the logistics and communications of the student government. Takes attendance, records council meeting minutes, sends emails and performs any other necessary clerical duties.

- **Must have been a member of student government for one year.**

Treasurer

Advises the president on the student government's budget. Approves the student government's financial transactions.

- **Must have been a member of student government for one year.**

Parliamentarian

Serves as the president's legal expert. Familiarizes him/herself with the student government constitution, student government laws and resolves, parliamentary procedure, relevant school and district policies, and any other necessary laws. Settles disputes over the interpretation of student government law.

- **Must have been a member of student government for one year.**

Student Senate

The student senate for each grade organizes that grade's spirit and social functions. The four senates frequently collaborate on events that cross grade lines. School dances (including prom), pep rallies, homecoming, and the various senior events are all coordinated by the student senates.

To run for student senate, you must be a member of the class that senate represents. Each senate has the same four officer positions: President, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

Nominating Petitions

Nominating petitions will be available in the north and south main offices starting Friday, May 5. Petitions are the same for all positions.

Please clearly print your name, your grade, your email address, the organization for which you are running (student government, sophomore senate, etc.) and the position for which you are running (president, secretary, etc.).

To appear on the ballot, you must solicit the signatures of 100 students, 4 teachers, your current grade level administrator, and the advisor of the organization for which you are seeking office. Any student in grades 9, 10 or 11 may sign a student government petition. Only students in the same grade as the candidate may sign a student senate petition. No seniors may sign any of the petitions.

All petitions are due to Mr. Merritt in room 64N by 3:30 on Friday, May 12.

Campaigning

Candidates may only formally campaign after turning in a valid nominating petition.

Candidates may campaign at school by hanging up posters. All posters must be school-appropriate, no bigger than 8.5 x 11 in, and approved by the building principal before being hung up. Posters may not be hung on painted surfaces or glass.

Candidates may hand out information. No candidate may distribute anything of value (candy, pencil, key chain, etc.) to voters. Violations during the campaign will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and may result in removal from the ballot.

Debates

If multiple candidates seek the same student government office, they are required to participate in a debate, as per the constitution. After all applications are submitted, debate-eligible candidates will be contacted by the debate committee.