

# Student Council Information

The role of the George Walton Academy Student Council is to promote the interests of the school and encourage the involvement of students in the affairs of the school, in cooperation with the administration, student life department, teachers and parents. The Student Council as an organization seeks to build responsible leaders within our school community and to promote interest in school-wide activities. **In order to run for a position on the student council, students must meet the following qualifications:**

- Students must obtain a teacher recommendation (form found on the Student Council web page). Teachers may email their recommendations to [studentlife@gwa.com](mailto:studentlife@gwa.com) or drop them off in the Commons.
- Students must have received and returned a contract for the next academic school year.
- Students must have an overall B average (3.0).
- Students must be in good standing with all faculty members.
- All financial obligations to George Walton Academy must be current.

**Before you decide to run for office there are a few things you need to consider:**

1. Am I in “good standing” with GWA as outlined above?
2. Do I have the time to commit to the desired office? Can I make the student council a top priority?
3. Am I flexible about meeting times? Can I meet before school, during break or lunch, or in the evenings?
4. What are the qualifications needed to successfully fill this position? Is it right for me?

**If you have answered “yes” to all of these questions, please read the following regarding election procedures:**

1. Fill out the student council application on the George Walton Academy website under the “*Campus Life — Student Council*” tab + get a teacher recommendation **by Wednesday, April 13th, 2022.** Late submissions will not be accepted.
2. **By Thursday, April 14th** you’ll be notified of the definitive position you’re running and campaigning for.
3. Campaign from **April 18th- April 21st.** Follow rules below:

- a. Create a campaign video (2 minutes max) about why your peers should vote for you. The video needs to be submitted to Coach Mike **by Tuesday, April 19th, 2022.** Videos must be appropriate and relevant to the office you're running for. Do not make promises you can't keep. Videos will be combined by grade level and sent out via email.
- b. All campaign slogans and posters must be submitted and approved by Mrs. Jackson or Coach Mike. Once approved, they may be hung throughout the HS on windows, doors, and walls where paint cannot be damaged.
4. Voting will take place on **Friday, April 22nd.**
5. At the latest, winners will be announced **by Monday, April 25th.**

### **Student Council Positions Available:**

- Positions available to run for:
  - Executive Council (must be a junior or senior who has served on student council before)
    - President
    - Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
  - Grade Level Councils (one per grade level)
    - President
    - Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer

### **Student Council Position Descriptions:**

#### President

- Leads and sets Student Council meeting agendas.
- Able to call special meetings, appoint special committees, and serve on various campus committees.
- Serves as the main point of contact between the Student Life Team and the GWA Student Council and the student body.

#### Vice President

- Serves as the leader of all Community Service efforts, such as Gingerbread Christmas and all school-wide service projects, and any other special Committees at the discretion of the President.
- Assumes the role of the President in their absence & assists the President in implementing policy.

#### Secretary

- Take & post minutes from all student council meetings and keep all records in permanent form.
- Will keep an updated list & directory of all current student council members.
- Take roll at all student council meetings and functions.
- Set up and maintain correspondence and communications for student council groups and committees.
- Assumes the role of President in the absence of the President and Vice President.

#### Treasurer

- Shall prepare, maintain, and present a budget of all expenditures for Student Council events and activities for the Student Life Team.
- Serves as the Chair of the Club Funding Committee and other special committees at the discretion of the president
- Assumes the role of President in the absence of the President, Vice President and Secretary.

### **READY TO APPLY?**

Visit the GWA website, click the "*Campus Life — Student Council*" tab and get a teacher recommendation **by Wednesday, April 13th.**

*Late submissions will not be accepted.*