

LASA Student Council Elections



Running for Student Council

Information and Application

Election Timeline

- Your Student Council Application will be due **Friday, May 5**. Turn in your application by returning it to the main office.
- Approved candidates will receive an email soon after with more campaigning information
- A candidate meeting to discuss rules will take place on **Monday, May 8th** at lunch in Mr. Castro's room.
- Campaigning will take place from after this meeting until **Thursday, May 11th**.
- The week of **May 8**, there will be a Meet the Candidates meeting at lunch where your class can come to talk with the candidates. Election will take place in
- **Thursday, May 11th and Friday, May 12th** using an online form link provided.

What is Student Council?

Student Council is LASA's student government organization made up of four officers from each class. Student council is responsible for planning many school events, providing academic and social support to students, and acting as a link between administrators and students. More information about Student Council and its responsibilities can be found at lasastuco.org.

What are the Expectations of Officers?

Student Council meets every Wednesday during lunch. When applying, check that you can attend every single meeting. This is important for all officers. Additionally, successful officers commit significant time outside of meetings to plan, coordinate, and prepare as they work to serve their classes.

How can you run for office?

If you are a responsible, dedicated student who abides by the LASA and AISD codes of conduct, has averages of 80 or above in every class and the time and energy to be fully committed to Student Council, fill out the attached form and turn it in to the main office by April 29th at 4:00pm. Keep this sheet so that you can reference the campaign guidelines. If you have questions, contact Sponsor Mr. Castro at scott.castro@austinisd.org, Sponsor Ms. Estifanos at luwam.estifanos@austinisd.org, or Senior President Sam Church at churchsam@gmail.com.

Rules and Expectations for Campaigning

Detach this page from your application to reference while you plan.

Acceptable Campaigning

- Most importantly, **run a campaign in good faith**. That is, respect the spirit of the campaign as not a competition but of a process allowing people to learn more about you as a person and for them to determine if you are the most qualified candidate to be on student council. Be kind and don't make any negative comments about other candidates. Run your campaign and only yours. Don't do any of the following: give policy promises, endorse candidates for other positions, talk negatively about other candidates, make threats of any kind.
- The **only** acceptable campaigning materials outside of the Meet the Candidates lunch are homemade posters. Candidates are allowed 4 large posters and 6 8.5" x11" posters to be taped in halls, but not on lockers or in teacher's classrooms. No professionally produced items. No loopholes (parent is a professional printer, etc.) Posters must be approved with one of the StuCo sponsors before they are hung up!
- Food items of any kind are **not permitted** except at the Meet the Candidates lunch.
- Buttons, cards, stickers, and any materials other than approved posters are not permitted, ever.
- Online and social media campaigning is **not permitted, ever**. Campaigning on personal or class groups/pages of any kind is NOT allowed. You are responsible for your friends actions, tell them not to campaign on your behalf at any time using social media. Violations can be reported to leadership@lasastuco.org
- Campaigns should not be expensive. Your campaign should be focused on clearly and directly demonstrating your leadership qualities. Do not buy your way into office with over-the-top materials.
- **Use of unapproved posters will result in termination of your candidacy. Use of social media in any way will result in termination of your candidacy. Use of materials other than those specifically designated as acceptable will result in termination of your candidacy.**

Meet the Candidates Lunch

- Minimal use of small store-bought food items (fun size candy, etc) is acceptable only at the Meet the Candidates lunch.
- Dates will be determined at a later date based on number of applicants.
- All materials should be individually wrapped. These materials will be pooled and evenly distributed among the candidates, so don't attach any campaign materials to your items.
- Additional individually-wrapped items will be distributed by StuCo Senior Leadership as well. Financial hardship/inability to provide materials should not be a barrier to Student Council candidacy.

