

GULF HIGH SCHOOL
2024-2025 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS
INFORMATION PACKET AND APPLICATION
DUE THURSDAY, MAY 2nd at 1:30pm

Goals of Student Government:

Section I: To create a means for students to express themselves.

Section II: To act as a vessel of communication expressing the interests and concerns of the students to the administration, as well as expressing the interests and concerns of the administration to the students of Gulf High School.

Section III: To aid the community in ways that will be beneficial to both the student body and the community.

Section IV: To provide an organizational medium for school activities.

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICES NEED TO BE FILLED FOR EACH CLASS:
PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND 2 CLASS REPS.**

President - preside over all class meetings, plan/publish agenda, represent class at all administrative meetings, assemblies, etc.

Vice President - assume duties of president when absent, other duties assigned by president.

Secretary - keep record of attendance and minutes at meetings, maintain calendar on website.

Treasurer - keep record of finances, coordinate fundraisers with the sponsor.

Class Reps - will inform the student body of Student Government activities and will inform the Student Government of any student body concerns.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE OFFICES, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND FILL OUT THE APPLICATION AND PERMISSION FORM.

1. Candidates for **CLASS PRESIDENT** must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA, all other officers must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Incoming Freshman (c/o 2028) must not have any grades below a C at the time of application and must maintain GPA requirements as the year goes on. Failure to do so may result in a probationary period or removal from office.
2. All officers will be required to attend **all class and general meetings** and participate in **all Student Government activities** throughout the year. ***Failure to do so will result in removal from office.***
3. Candidates must return the signed parent/guardian permission letter and the application to be on the ballot.
4. You will be notified by **FRIDAY, MAY 3RD** if you are ***ineligible*** to run for office. Campaigning will take place from **MONDAY, MAY 6th – FRIDAY, MAY 10th**.
 - a. Students running for office will **NOT** be allowed to hang any poster, sign, or banner on the walls in the building. Signs hung in the classrooms must have the teacher's permission and must be approved by MS. MAZUROWSKI.
 - b. **NO STICKERS** will be permitted.
 - c. Campaigns will **NOT** use slanderous or malignant innuendoes. Please keep them clean!
 - d. Campaign flyers must be approved by **MS. MAZUROWSKI**. **Originals will be signed before copying.** If you want COLORED COPIES, you will need to provide these for signing. Copies made by the school will be black and white. See point (e) for details about dropping off posters for approval.
 - e. **All flyers must be dropped off or emailed to Mrs. Krupyak (Media Center) BEFORE school starts on THURSDAY, MAY 2nd for approval and printing. They will be available to pick up for posting on MAY 6th in the Media. Posters sent in after this time will not be printed by the school.** You must have them submitted on time.
 - f. Students may campaign on social media by posting their **approved flyer** with the message "Don't forget to vote for the Class of 20__ Student Government Officers!".
 - i. Any inappropriate or slanderous comments in your posts OR on your posts – including comments that others leave – could result in removal from the ballot. If someone posts something inappropriate on your page/post, it is **your responsibility** to take it down. This is a zero-tolerance issue.
 - g. You may campaign for only one office.
 - h. You may not campaign as a team. However, you may support another person's efforts by sharing their approved flyer via social media.
 - i. Max sizes for flyers is 8 ½ x 11 (standard printing paper size).
5. Elections will be **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th – FRIDAY, MAY 10th** via the school voting platform (online). Links and QR codes will be provided to all teachers to share with their students throughout the day.

**GULF HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
CANDIDATE APPLICATION**

Student Name: _____

Student # _____ Current Grade: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Please make sure this is an email you check daily.

Office to be Considered for (circle 1):

PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER REPRESENTATIVE

Questionnaire:

1. What other activities do you participate in or plan to participate in during the 2024-2025 school year? (sports, clubs, work, etc.) Please list **all**.

2. What group/peer organization experience (scouts, clubs, sports, etc.) would you bring to SGA?

3. What leadership positions have you held in the past?

4. What personal leadership qualities would you bring to SGA?

5. What is your understanding of the function and role of the SGA at Gulf High School?

Please rate yourself on the following criteria using 1 as the lowest score and 5 as the highest score.

• Punctuality and Completing tasks on time	1	2	3	4	5
• Attendance	1	2	3	4	5
• Acceptance of constructive criticism	1	2	3	4	5
• Willingness to work with others	1	2	3	4	5
• Openness to opposing opinions and new ideas	1	2	3	4	5
• Creativity and problem solving	1	2	3	4	5
• Willingness to participate and get others involved	1	2	3	4	5
• Willingness to take personal responsibility for actions	1	2	3	4	5
• Communication with others	1	2	3	4	5
• Understanding and empathy for others	1	2	3	4	5

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Unexcused Absences: _____ Tardies: _____ Current GPA: _____ Referrals: _____

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has expressed interest in running for a Student Government class office position. Due to the huge commitment it entails for both the student as well as the parent/guardian, I have requested that each student return a parent/guardian permission slip before being placed on the ballot. The following items are important for you to know:

Positions available: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and (2) Representatives

GPA Requirements: 2.5 cumulative for President, 2.0 cumulative for all other positions. This is assessed at the end of each semester. Failure to maintain will result in removal from office.

Meetings & Attendance: Officers are required to attend all class meetings as well as general Student Government meetings. General SGA meetings consists of everyone in Student Government and their Class Sponsors. These general meetings will take place **every MONDAY afternoon from 1:35pm – 2:30pm*** until Homecoming week, unless otherwise stated. Officers will always be notified of the next meeting date at the current meeting. After Homecoming, we will meet twice a month on MONDAYS. Class meetings will also be scheduled periodically and are determined by the class sponsor. This means that your child may have to stay late after school twice a week until Homecoming and up to four (4) times a month for the remainder of the year. It is important to know that after **3 unexcused absences** from meetings, students will be removed from student government. Sports practice, work, and other clubs are **not** excused absences. Students are responsible for speaking to their coaches, employers, or club leaders to arrange meetings times off.

**Please note that if our bell schedule or meeting schedule changes for next year, this may adjust our meeting date/time.*

Homecoming Week: At the beginning of the school year, a big portion of time is spent preparing for Homecoming. Some of the responsibilities include: designing and selling class t-shirts, preparing a float for the Homecoming parade, helping to sell Homecoming dance tickets during lunch, helping or participating in Day and Night games, and various other duties. This is a very hectic time, but also a lot of fun! Student Government Officers are required to participate in **all events and dress up days.**

During the School Year: After Homecoming ends, things settle down quite a bit and each class then decides what fundraisers and community service projects they'd like to organize and implement during the rest of the school year. Officers are required to participate in all activities and events determined by their class officers and sponsor. Failure to do so may result in removal from office.

Communication: Students are responsible for checking their **school issued email** for SGA communications. We suggest students get in the habit of checking this daily (pick a time of day that you check to make it a part of your routine).

As advisor, I have high expectations for those students who have chosen to be a part of Gulf High School Student Government Association. They are the leaders of the school and are expected to act as such. They not only represent the students in their grade level, but they represent our school as a whole. Students are to maintain their grades, attendance, and behavior throughout the year. Failure to do so may result in removal from office and inability to run for office in the future. I look forward to a great year. Go Bucs!

Sincerely,
Diana Krupyak
Student Government Advisor

I give permission for my student _____, to run for the 2024-2025 Student Government Association at Gulf High School. We both understand the responsibilities and the time commitment it entails to be an active and contributing member of SGA.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE