

**The Anthony School Student Council
Intent to Run for Office**

Name: _____

Office _____

By signing this document I am agreeing to all the rally and election rules as listed on the TAS Student Council Website. I have also read and understand the TAS Student Council By-Laws. I understand that, if elected, I will be obligated to fulfill the duties of the office listed above, in addition I agree to purchase a NEW TAS T-Shirt to be worn at all events supporting the school. I have received a copy of those duties and understand these obligations, which in addition to those listed, include occasionally missing class, having an abbreviated lunch period, arriving at school early or staying late, and/or arriving early or staying late for student council events, such as dances. I also understand that to serve on the Student Council is an honor and a privilege, and that I must at all times represent myself, the school, and the Student Council in an appropriate manner.

Student Signature

Date

Parents:

By signing this document I am agreeing to all the rally and election rules as listed on the TAS Student Council Website. I have also read and understand the TAS Student Council By-Laws. I have read the duties of the office my child is running for. I understand these obligations, which include occasionally missing class, having an abbreviated lunch period, arriving at school early or staying late, and/or arriving early or staying late for student council events such as dances. *In addition, I understand that if my child is elected, a parent representative may be asked to help clean up after dances.*

Parent Signature

Date

Student Council Campaign Rules

1. 8th graders may run for the position of President and Vice President, 7th graders may run for the positions of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, and 6th graders may run for the position of Elementary Liaison. *In the event that no 8th grader chooses to run for Vice President, a 7th grader may run for this position.
2. There is a \$75.00 spending cap for campaign materials during the week and rally. The \$75.00 is on top of items such as: posters, markers, paints and stickers. All campaign “gifts” distributed at the rally will be included in this total. Receipts are to be turned in prior to the rally. NO FOOD, DRINKS OR CANDY may be handed out. Suggestions for rally gifts would include pencils, stickers, erasers, etc.
3. Candidates must not attach anything to lockers; anything attached to lockers will be discarded.
4. There will be a “practice” rally for the students to practice their speeches the day of the rally. This is more of a run through, for sound checks and order of speeches.
5. Campaigning will officially begin the Monday of election week. A designated time will be announced to meet at school and hang all posters. Any campaigning, even on social media, prior to the start of the official campaigning date will result in elimination from the race.
6. If additional time is needed to hang posters and other materials, this must be done before school, after school, and at lunch.
7. All posters must be hung with painters tape, regardless where it will be displayed.
8. No student may campaign on Facebook, Instagram, texting, emails or any other social media prior to the Monday of campaign week.
9. All social media posts must be positive in nature. Any student found to be posting negative comments about a candidate will be considered to be engaging in cyber bullying and subject to The Anthony School discipline rubric; in addition any candidate found to be engaged in these activities will be removed from the race and not allowed to continue their campaign.
10. At the conclusion of the election each candidate and 1 assistant MUST remove all posters, signs etc. The removal of materials will take place during the candidates’ lunch and recess period ONLY. All discarded material must be placed in a trash bin or taken home that Friday. All tape residues must be removed from any walls and doors. In the event that candidates need help removing residue, parents will be required to assist their child.

Student Council Rally Rules

1. Speeches must be turned in to Mrs. Jackson by 8:00 am the Tuesday before the rally. Any speech not turned into the sponsor(s) by this time will not be given at the rally. No speech may mention a teacher. See #3 on p1.
2. All candidates will be seated prior to the commencement of the rally.
3. All speeches will be delivered from the podium and will be limited to 3 minutes.
4. Video speeches are prohibited.
5. Due to safety concerns and at the request of administration, no campaign items may be thrown into the audience.
6. Candidates may have 1 campaign manager to help distribute campaign materials. All campaign managers must be BEHIND the candidates' tables.
7. NO GUM, FOOD, DRINK, or CANDY may be passed out at the rally.

Student Council Election Procedures

1. Ballots will be posted on the student council website.
2. Ballots will be taken off the site by 9:00 am on the day of the election.
3. No early voting.
4. Student council sponsors and an administrator will collect and compile the data.
5. In the event of a run-off, there will be a second round of voting; this will be done by paper ballots.
6. Each grade's votes 2X for their respective candidates.
7. Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Caig, Mrs. Heister, Mr. Spivey, Mr. Estelle, Ms. Lopez, and Mr. McDaniel will rate the candidates for President and Vice-President. The teachers will rate each candidate on a scale from 1-3 (3 being the best) in three categories: Leadership (how well the candidate has led in the classroom, at recess or on the playing field); Responsibility (is the candidate responsible for not only school work, but for their possessions); and Respect (does the candidate treat faculty, staff and fellow students in a consistent respectful manner.)
8. All candidates will be told the results of the election prior to the announcement of newly elected officers to the school. Any candidate who wishes to leave school early is allowed to do so.
9. Newly elected officers will be announced over the intercom at the end of the day.
10. All candidates not elected to their officer position, is encouraged to become a Student Council Member at Large.