

The Westside High Student Council consists of twenty Executive Board members and twenty members of the House of Representatives.

Student Council Executive Board members from sophomore through seniors are elected in a school election held in May. Freshmen Executive Board members are elected by the freshmen class only in September of the freshmen year. The House of Representatives are also elected in September.

The twenty positions of the Executive Board demand **MUCH** responsibility on the part of the student elected. The student who seeks a position on the Executive Board makes a commitment to the entire student body of West that he/she will work for the good of the school and that he/she will do everything possible to improve student life at Westside High School. Students interested in running for Executive Board must understand that Student Council becomes one of their **MAJOR** responsibilities throughout the entire school year. If a student has made a choice to be involved in a large number of other activities, then the student should reconsider whether or not he/she has the time to devote to this responsibility.

All students running for or elected to the Executive Board positions **MUST** adhere to the HISD Code of Student Conduct and WHS Honor Code.

The following are the Executive Board positions for each class. Responsibilities are reviewed during the mandatory informational meeting.

President

VP Finance

VP Communications

VP Philanthropy

VP Records

This packet must be turned in to Ms. Eppes (S114) or Mr. Hill (S151) no later than Monday, August 31st at 3:30pm

In order to run for the Executive Board of Student Council, you **MUST** see that all parts of this application are completed. Paperwork must be submitted to Ms. Eppes (S114) or Mr. Hill (S151), Student Council Advisor, no later than Monday, August 31st at 3:30pm. **NO LATE PAPERS ACCEPTED.**

Name: _____ I.D.# _____ Current G.P.A. is _(N/A_

Home address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

I am running for the office of _____

for Student Council Executive Board.

A Student Council Executive Board member must be able to work with all the constituencies of Westside High: students, staff, administrators, faculty, parents, and members of the community. Do the people know you well enough to support your candidacy? Do they feel you are capable of this responsibility? Do they feel they will be able to support your work on student council? Do they vouch for your reliability, honesty, integrity and willingness to work hard? Please provide the necessary signatures below of those people who will support your candidacy. Make sure a printed name appears below the signature and also the date is written in by the person who has signed supporting you. A telephone number also must be provided for any adult outside WHS.

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Print name _____ Telephone #: _____

YOUR Dean: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Faculty member: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Faculty member: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Candidates' Speech and Campaign Information for the Student Council Executive Board

1. You may begin campaigning on Tuesday, September 8th through Friday, August 11th, 2009
2. Posters **MUST BE** in good taste. Posters must not be placed on windows and only masking tape may be used. **DO NOT** use duct tape. All posters must be removed by the candidates immediately following the election.
3. Formal campaign declaration speeches will be given on Tuesday, August 8th during a Freshman Assembly.

Speeches must address your qualifications and your goals and ambitions for Student Council and West High School. This is not the time, nor the pace, for comedy. Although creativity is recommended for your speeches, the business of the Student Council is "business" and those who aspire to be members of the board should respect the office they seek.

Students will dress in the appropriate attire for a political candidate. Young men must wear dress pants, shirts, and a tie. Jackets are optional. Young women will wear dresses, skirts, or pants that are appropriate for school.

NO PROPS of ANY KIND will be used. You must deliver your formal, prepared speech from the lectern using the microphone - appropriate humor may be used.

You must give your speech alone.

A typed draft of your speech is due to Mr. Hill (S151) no later than 7:55am Friday, September 4th, 2009. **NO STUDENT MAY PRESENT A SPEECH THAT IS NOT APPROVED BY Mr. Hill or Ms. Eppes. ALSO, SPEECHES THAT ARE ALTERED WHILE SPEAKING MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR CANDIDACY.**

I have read all pages of this candidate packet, understand the terms, and will abide by these terms. Candidate signature:

_____ **Date:** _____