



Chapel Hill High School Student Government

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Declaration of Candidacy Contract

This first page is due to the Student Government mailbox in the Main Office by 4:00 PM Wednesday, May 3rd.

Student Section

I, (name) _____, do hereby declare my candidacy for Student Government (position) _____. I have read the entire candidate packet and agree to abide by all the following rules and the pledge below. I understand that if I do not abide by these rules then I will forfeit the opportunity to become an Officer or Cabinet member, at the discretion of the Student Government Faculty Advisor.

Candidate's Signature

Candidate's Name (Print)

Date

Parent Section

I, (name) _____, the parent/guardian of _____, have read the entire candidate packet and acknowledge that my son/daughter will be held to the highest standard during their campaign and if they are elected as a Student Government Officer or Cabinet Member. I understand that if my son/daughter does not abide by these rules then he/she will forfeit the opportunity to become an Officer or Cabinet member, at the discretion of the Student Government Faculty Advisor.

Parent's Signature

Parent's Name (Print)

Parent's Phone Number

Officer/Cabinet Pledge

Personal Conduct:

All Officers and Cabinet Members are responsible for appropriate conduct as defined in the Chapel Hill High School Handbook, and any violation is subject to the penalty of suspension/expulsion from Student Government.

Officer and Cabinet Member Pledge:

As a candidate for an Officer (or Candidate Member), I understand that I am a role model. Representing CHHS in a positive and honorable manner is mandatory. As a representative of CHHS Student Government, I accept these responsibilities, as well as the responsibilities (shall I be elected) of the position that I am campaigning for (as detailed in the CHHS Student Government Constitution) and I acknowledge the possibility of losing my position if I violate any of these standards or do not fulfill my responsibilities if I am elected as an Officer/Cabinet member. I understand that if I am elected, I must be in the Student Government planning period and am expected to be there every day for the entire period. My parent or guardian has also read this pledge and will hold me accountable to it.

Candidate's Signature

Candidate's Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Rules and Regulations for Officer/Cabinet Elections

1. All candidates are allowed 50 flyers, 12 posters, and four (4) banners. You may rearrange these ratios if you so wish; one (1) poster equals four (4) flyers and one (1) banner equals two (2) posters. You may use as many stickers as you want, but these stickers must be placed **ONLY** on people, not on walls, windows, or any structures. These stickers must also be “repositionable” for easy removal.
2. All candidates will be responsible for campaign expenditures, with the exception of a \$10 reimbursable amount that must be submitted with a receipt that only has campaign items listed on it to Mr. Cooper by **May 23, 2017**. If you need assistance with expenditures, please see the Student Government faculty advisor.
3. *No slander or vandalism towards other candidates.* This will be strictly enforced.
4. Any candidate who wishes to refer to his/her opponent or another candidate in a poster must first receive the approval from the Board of Elections. Referral to other candidates in both posters and speech is limited to issues relevant to a particular office and may not use slander or be offensive to any candidate.
5. No profanity.
6. Only flyers and/or stickers may be given out. No food, money, favors, etc. to voters.
7. Candidates are asked to give a speech during lunch on **May 24th**. An outline or typed copy of this speech must be turned in to Mr. Cooper by 8:45 AM on **May 19th** and the final draft must be handed in by 8:45 AM on **May 23rd**. A candidate may *not deviate from his/her approved speech to attack another candidate or person in any way*. You may only say what has been approved.

If you have an election violation concern, then please refer to the “Election Violations.”

2017 ELECTION CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
24APR	25APR	26APR 12:30-Mandatory meeting	27APR	28APR
01MAY	02MAY	03MAY 4:00-Contract Due	04MAY	05MAY
15MAY Campaign Begins	16MAY	17MAY	18MAY	19MAY First speech draft due
22MAY Receipts due	23MAY Final speech draft due	24MAY Speeches	25MAY Voting in main hallway (Lunch/After School)	26MAY Voting in main hallway (Lunch/After School)
29MAY	30MAY Results announced 4th period	31MAY		

Suggestions

1. Use taste
2. Stay positive
3. Focus on yourself and how YOU can make CHHS a better place to be
4. Stick to the issues
5. Remember that you are a representative of the school
6. Have fun and GOOD LUCK!!!

Election Violations

If you feel that any election rules have been violated in any way you have the right, as well as the responsibility, to inform a current Student Government Officer and the Student Government Advisor immediately **in writing**. All violation reports will be taken seriously and the current Officers, as well as the Student Government Advisor, will make sure appropriate action is taken.

Student Government Advisor: Keith Cooper, Room A176. (919) 929-2106, ex. 41176.

Chapel Hill High School Student Government Constitution

Article I: Membership

Section I: Officers

-The officers of Student Government will be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section II: Cabinet

-The Cabinet will consist of three elected representatives: one sophomore, one junior and one senior. A freshman representative may be appointed after elections if the presidential runner-up wishes to fill the post.

Section III: Senate

-The Senate will consist of students who submit an application and meet requirements devised by the officers of Student Government. Senators will submit their applications during the first month of school.

Section IV: Student Government

-All officers, cabinet members and senators will be considered members of Student Government.

Article II: Duties

Section I: Officers

A. President

The duties of the president include, but are not limited to:

- Must preside over meetings of the Senate and lead Student Government's class period.
- Delegate and perform all necessary tasks and responsibilities of Student Government

B. Vice-President

The duties of the vice-president include but are not limited to:

- Assume the duties of the president in his/her absence.
- Assist the president and perform all tasks and responsibilities delegated to him/her

C. Secretary

The duties of the secretary include, but are not limited to:

- Distribute messages to and communicate with the senators.
- Maintain attendance records for senators.
- Keep any necessary records for Student Government.

D. Treasurer

The duties of the treasurer include, but are not limited to

- Keep records of all transactions and bills for Student Government.
- Coordinate with Chapel Hill High School's treasurer and reimburse senators, officers, and cabinet members for Student Government bills.
- Maintain a clear and available running budget for Student Government.

Section II: Cabinet Members

The duties of each cabinet member include, but are not limited to:

- Act as a conduit for their respective class.
- Assist and support the officers of Student Government.

Section III: Attendance in Student Government class period.

-All officers and cabinet members are expected to enroll in Student Government's class period during their tenure as an officer or cabinet member.

-The definition of regular attendance will be determined by the Student Government adviser.

Section IV: Senators

Duties of senators include, but are not limited to:

- Regularly attend Student Government meetings. Regular attendance will be defined by the current year's officers.
- Actively serve on a standing Student Government committee and participate in

- special committees when called on to do so by Student Government officers.
- Bring issues to the attention of Student Government officers and act as a liaison between clubs and Student Government.

Article II: Elections

Section I: Officer and Cabinet Elections

- Elections will be conducted in a school-wide ballot at the end of a week-long campaign.
- Any Chapel Hill High School student is eligible to run for a Student Government position granted they abide by campaign rules set out by the Board of Elections.
- The Board of Elections can disqualify any candidate for violating campaign rules.
- The number of students who voted for each candidate, beyond a simple win or loss, will never be disclosed.

Section II: Board of Elections

- The Board of Elections is comprised of all Student Government officers and cabinet members who are not current candidates.
- The Board of Elections must carry out and count the school-wide election.
- The highest ranking member of the Board of Elections is responsible for informing candidates whether they won their respective race.

Article III: Removal of Student Government Members

Section I: Removal of Senators

- Any senator who fails to perform their duties may be removed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the four Student Government officers.
- Any senator who fails to uphold high moral standards may also be removed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the four Student Government officers.
- Failure to maintain regular attendance may be punished by removal from Student Government

Section II: Impeachment of Officers and Cabinet Members

A. Reasons for Impeachment

- Officers or cabinet members who fail to perform their duties, maintain regular attendance or uphold high moral standards are subject to impeachment and subsequent removal from office.

B. Impeachment Procedure

- A motion to impeach an officer or cabinet member must be submitted in writing to the highest ranking Student Government member not being impeached. If all officers and cabinet members are being impeached, the Senate will elect a leader via majority vote to run the impeachment process.
- Impeachment trials must begin within a week of the submission of a motion to impeach. The highest ranking officer not being impeached or the elected Senate leader will preside.
- Evidence must be presented to the Senate demonstrating just cause for impeachment and a subsequent vote will be taken by the Senate deciding whether to impeach.
- A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is required to impeach, convict and remove each officer or cabinet member from office.
- A majority plus one of all Student Government senators must be present during the impeachment trial and vote.

C. Impeachment Aftermath

Immediately following a vote for the conviction and removal from office of a officer or cabinet member, the Senate must vote whether or not to replace the removed members via a school-election.

D. Recall Election

- Officers may be recalled by the Student Body if a Petition of Recall is signed by at least

$\frac{2}{3}$ of the number of students who voted in the previous election. The Petition of Recall must be presented to the Senate and the reelection shall be run by the Board of Elections. If all officers and cabinet members are being recalled, then a senate leader shall be elected via a majority vote who will lead the reelections.

Article V: Committees

Section I: Standing Committees:

- Standing committees, to be determined by Student Government officers, will be formed at the start of each school year.
- All senators must join at least one standing committee.

Section II: Special Committees:

- Special committees will be formed for individual events and senators may be required to serve in these as well.

Article VI: Ratification and Amendments

Section I: Ratification

- This constitution will become operative and supersede all former constitutions immediately upon its approval by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Senate.

Section II: Amendments

- Any member of Student Government, officer, cabinet or senator, may propose an amendment and bring it before the Senate. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote by the Senate is necessary to approve it.