



Election Timeline

- Your application to run for Student Council is due to the main office by Monday, April. 16th at 4:00 pm.
- Applicants who meet the requirements will be expected to attend a lunch meeting on Monday, April 23rd where current senior officers will answer questions and review campaign rules.
- Candidates may campaign for one week- Tuesday, April 24th to Monday, April 30th.
- Voting will take place in English classes on Tuesday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 2nd.

Running for Student Council

Information and Application Form

What is Student Council?

The Student Council is LASA's student government organization, made up of four elected officers from each class. Officers serve as the community and social chairs of the school- acting as class organizers, student advocates, morale officers, and major project planners among many other duties and responsibilities.

What do the officers do?

Student Council officers are the social, moral and academic leaders of LASA. As such, our foremost responsibility is to act as examples to our classmates by upholding and exceeding the LASA and AISD codes of conduct. While specific responsibilities are delegated to the offices of Representative, Treasurer, Vice President and President, our primary objective is to work together to execute our duties for the benefit of our classmates.

When are the meetings?

The Student Council meets at lunch every Wednesday with occasional joint meetings with the LBJ Student Council to coordinate major projects like Homecoming and Prom. 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. 16th at 4:00 pm.** Keep this sheet so that you can reference the campaign guidelines. If you have questions, contact Ms. Alexander Driscoll at lbjtheatre@gmail.com.

Rules and Expectations for Campaigning

Detach this page from your application and refer to it while you plan.

Acceptable Campaign Materials

- **Minimal use of homemade baked goods is acceptable.** Any store-bought baked goods including but not limited to cupcakes, cookies, and brownie bites are NOT allowed.
- **Minimal use of small store-bought food items** (fun-size candy, etc) **is acceptable**
- **Minimal use of homemade posters, buttons, cards, and stickers is acceptable.** No professionally produced items. No loopholes (parent is a professional printer, etc)! Posters must be approved by Ms. Alexander Driscoll (theater) before they are hung up.
- **Moderate online and social media campaigning is acceptable.** Campaigning in official class groups or pages is NOT allowed.
- **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 flashy campaign materials and/or bribery.

Food Distribution Guidelines

- **Hand-held food items (cookies, candy, etc) may be distributed in class** as long as they are approved by the teacher in whose class you intend to distribute them. If your items are approved, it is your responsibility to insure that they are distributed in a way that doesn't disrupt class. ***It is your responsibility (not your classmates' or the custodians') to clean up any mess left behind by your food items.***
- **Food may not be distributed before school or during lunch.**
- **Food may be distributed after school.** It is your responsibility to insure that your food distribution does not block the halls. In order to prevent this from occurring, it is recommended that you distribute food to classmates around the school as opposed to having all of your classmates congregate in one place to receive food. If you do have an event where people gather, have it outside. ***It is your responsibility (not your classmates' or the custodians') to clean up any mess left behind by your food items.***
- **Food may not be distributed on school-wide testing days.** (APs, EOCs, PSAT, etc.)

Honorable Campaigning

- **Campaign like the student leader you want to be.** Your campaign should be simple and focused on making a good impression by demonstrating your leadership qualities. ***Never tolerate negativity towards your opponents. Do not make specific policy promises.***
- **Running as a "ticket" with 1 or more other candidates is not acceptable.** Run on your own virtues– don't try to consolidate votes by tying yourself to another candidate.
- Take questions or concerns about your or your opponents' campaigns to **Ms. Alexander Driscoll** (lbjtheatre@gmail.com) or president **Joanna Ma** (joannama12345@gmail.com).
- Issues raised concerning violations of any policies will go before the Student Council senior officer board and Ms. Alexander Driscoll for judgement. If you are found to be clearly violating any of these policies, your name will be removed from the ballot.

We ask that you prepare and bring all campaign materials (excluding food items) for approval at the mandatory campaign lunch meeting on Monday, April 23rd.

