



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 18th 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.

Election Timeline

- Your application to run for Student Council is due to the main office by Thursday April 18th at 4:00 pm.
- Approved candidates will receive email confirmation specifying campaign guidelines.
- Candidates may hang approved posters for one week - Wed, April 24th to Wed, April 31st.
- Candidates will have the opportunity to meet and greet classmates at a Meet the Candidates FIT on Wed, April 24th.
- Voting will take place in English classes on Wed, April 31 and Thurs, May 1st.

Rules and Expectations for Campaigning

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

Acceptable Campaign Materials

- The **only** permitted campaign materials outside of the Meet the Candidates FIT are **homemade posters**. Candidates are permitted a *maximum* of 3 large posters and 5 8.5x11" posters. No professionally produced items. No loopholes (parent is a professional printer, etc.) Posters **must** be approved with Ms. Alexander Driscoll (theater) before they are hung up!
- Food items of any kind are **not** permitted except at the Meet the Candidates FIT.
- Buttons, cards, stickers, and any materials other than approved posters are **not** permitted, ever.
- Online and social media campaigning is **not** permitted, ever. Campaigning on personal or class groups/pages of any kind 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 over the top materials.

Meet the Candidates FIT

- Minimal use of **small** store-bought food items (fun size candy, etc) is acceptable **only** at the Meet the Candidates FIT.
- Minimal use of homemade baked goods is acceptable **only** at the Meet the Candidates FIT. Any store-bought baked goods including but not limited to cupcakes, cookies, and brownie bites are NOT allowed.
- Homemade baked goods provided by the senior officer board will also be present at the Meet the Candidates FIT. Financial hardship/inability to provide materials should not be a barrier to Student Council candidacy.

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 Lisa Moomaw (lisakm3026@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.

Use of unapproved posters will result in termination of your candidacy. Use of materials other than those specifically designated as acceptable will result in termination of your candidacy.

