



Student Council Elections 2018-2019

In the early years of Cedarwood a student government was organized, called Student Council. An important part of Cedarwood's middle school experience is learning about leadership first hand. All 4th-7th grade students are given the opportunity to learn while serving. Now is the time to prepare for Student Council elections of officers and class representatives. Students will see first-hand, how a democracy works during the week-long campaigning and election process. The results will create our Cedarwood Student Council for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Election Process:

Student Council officer elections will be held the week of **September 10th - September 14th, 2018**. During this week, students will campaign for the offices of Student Council President, Vice-president, Treasurer, or Secretary.

Class Representative elections will take place after the officer elections, on Monday, September 17, 2018. At that time, any qualifying student who wants to run for Class Representative will be placed on the Class Representative ballot. Students who are not elected as an officer will automatically be placed on the class representative ballot.

Any student who wishes to run for a Student Council officer or Class Representative position must have the approval of his/her guardian and homeroom teacher. The student must also qualify academically by having an A or B average at the end of last year and this year so far. All candidates must exhibit citizenship and responsibility by following classroom guidelines and expectations.

2018-2019 Student Council Details:

- **Office of President** – Only 7th graders qualify. The 2018-2019 7th grade will serve together on as the Presidential Student Leadership Council, with approval through election.
- **Office of Vice President** – only 6th grade students qualify
- **Office of Treasurer** – only 5th grade students qualify
- **Office of Secretary** – only 4th grade students qualify
- **Class Representative** – One student from 4th – 6th grade will be elected to the Student Council.

Student Council moderator - Melissa Hardesty mhardesty@cedarwoodschoool.com

Deadline to sign up – Wednesday, September 5, 2018, the permission slip is due to Ms. Hardesty.

Student Council meetings, rules, and guidelines for campaigns along with the permission slip is attached to this letter.

Permission to run for Cedarwood school Student Council 2018-2019

If a student wishes to run for office, (officer or class representative) the student, guardians, and the homeroom teacher must sign this letter indicating permission to run. This signed form will also serve as verification of the understanding of the campaign rules. Please **return** the letter of permission **by September 5, 2018**.

I understand the campaign rules of Cedarwood School and will abide by them in my campaign. I understand that any failure to do so will cause my disqualification as a candidate.

I declare my intention to run for the office of

(Indicate by writing in the space above with either vice president, treasurer, secretary or class representative)

Signed:

(Student's signature)

Parental Approval:

(Parent's signature)

Homeroom Teacher Approval:

(Teacher's signature)

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM – Keep all other guidelines for your reference.

Campaign Rules and Procedures For Cedarwood Student Council Elections

Election Day for Cedarwood Middle School Student Council Officers will take place Friday, September 14, 2018. Candidates will be allowed to conduct their campaigns beginning Monday, September 11th through the morning of voting on September 14th. Students running for Student Council offices must abide by the following campaign rules and practices.

1. Each candidate must declare an intention to run by completing the letter of permission and return it to their homeroom teacher or to Mrs. McKnight no later than Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Candidates running for secretary must be in 4th grade. Candidates for treasurer must be in 5th grade. Candidates running for vice-president must be in 6th grade. Candidates for President must be in 7th grade.
2. All candidates shall run on an individual basis. There will be no running mates or combined tickets.
3. Candidates are limited to the following campaign materials:
 - No more than 2 posters (maximum size 22" x 28")
 - 1 banner (maximum 8 1/2 "x 66") = 6 pieces of regular paper taped together
 - Buttons or campaign name tags (self-adhesive recommended)
 - No stickers may be placed on the building or school lockers or any part of the physical school facility.
 - NO GIFTS, CANDY, FOOD, PENCILS, MONEY, ETC. will be allowed on any campaign materials or from candidates to voters in any form.
 - Banners and posters must be created on foam poster board or plastic material if they are to be placed in areas where rain will hit them. (Size limitations still apply.) If campaign materials are falling down or are rain-soaked they must be removed and/or replaced.
 - Following the elections on Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, all posters pertaining to the offices of treasurer, secretary, vice president and president must be removed and brought home. Any remaining posters will be disposed of after carpool on that Friday afternoon.
 - If a student does not abide by the campaigning rules, they will be disqualified from the election.
 - Please note that students may only wear one sticker or button from each candidate at a time.
4. Posters and banners may be mounted on walls and staircase banisters with masking tape or a sticky tack that will not leave a residue on the exterior walls on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the election week.
5. All litter from campaign materials including backing from nametags, posters, banners, etc. are the responsibility of the candidate on a daily basis. Posters and banners must be removed by the end of the school day on Friday, September 14, 2018 for officers, and Tuesday, September 18, 2018, for representatives.

6. Each officer candidate will be given the opportunity to make a one to two-minute speech during the morning live TV broadcast. Speeches should tell why the student is running for the office and what they will do to benefit the school if elected. The schedule for speeches is as follows:

Tuesday, September 11th -Secretary

Wednesday, September 12th -Treasurer

Thursday, September 13th - Vice President

Friday, September 14th – President

7. Candidates who run for the offices of student body president, vice-president, treasurer, or secretary, and who are not elected will be automatically added to the ballot for classroom representatives the following week. Elections for class representative will take place on Monday, September 17th. There will be two representatives elected within each class.