



DCHS Student Council Election Application

Student Council is a wonderful opportunity to act as a role model and to be a leader. In STUDENT COUNCIL, you will be involved in planning Homecoming, Prom, Winter Court, and other events/fundraisers, while having fun at the same time!

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Please make sure you meet the following candidate criteria before completing an application.

- no disciplinary action that results in ALC/suspension/after-school detention (1 full year prior to application date)
- 2.8 GPA minimum
- good teacher recommendations (scored according to point system)
- strong leadership skills
- strong communication skills
- awareness of social media
- positive representation for DCHS

If you choose to run for STUDENT COUNCIL and are elected, you must be prepared to do the following:

- attend meetings (every other Friday at 7:50 A.M. Additional meetings will be announced.)
- participate in the planning Homecoming, Prom, and Winter Court
- participate in fundraising activities
- participate and contribute to activities that may be held before or after school
- maintain passing grades and acceptable conduct each grading period
- maintain regular school attendance

Seniors must be active in order to earn a cord for graduation.

In order to run for any office, candidates must complete the following:

1. Permission form signed by candidate and parent
2. Completed application with all of the following attached:
Sealed envelopes with the names of the evaluators signed across the seal:
One (1) sponsor/coach evaluation form (must be from 2017 - 2018 school year)
Three (3) teacher evaluation forms –
1 English/1 Math/1 of your choice (must be from 2017 - 2018 school year)
One (1) counselor evaluation
One (1) personal reference evaluation
3. **One PAGE Essay** titled “My Ideas for Student Council 2018-2019” (MLA format) completed and returned with SC application
4. 30 signatures of students in your grade level and (3) teacher/staff signatures that will support the candidate’s campaign.

Rules for Posters

1. Hanging posters around the school is encouraged. The purpose of the posters is to inform peers of the candidate’s abilities to fulfill the duties of an STUDENT COUNCIL member. Posters will be presented in a professional manner. A catchy phrase (appropriate) will help students remember candidates.
 2. Nothing should be distributed that would be a disruption to the normal school day. Asking permission from teacher(s)/administration is encouraged.
 3. Abide by all policies and procedures in the student handbook. (ex. no profanity or implied inappropriate/gang/drug related)
 4. STUDENT COUNCIL candidates for executive positions will be required to give a speech on Jag TV.
- **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE SPONSORS/TEACHERS ENVELOPES FOR EVALUATION FORMS. Be sure to give them plenty of time to complete evaluation forms. YOU MUST PICK THEM UP FROM THESE SPONSORS/TEACHERS.**

SPONSORS/TEACHERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING THEM IN TO MRS. WOOLEY. Evaluation forms must be sealed and signed across the envelope.

- **YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS.**
- **Students who do not return applications with all six (6) evaluations in individually sealed envelopes WILL NOT be considered for a Student Council position. Applicants will not be considered for candidacy if the seals of the envelopes have been tampered with in any way.**

DEADLINE: Mrs. Wooley (room B20) NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Important Dates to Remember

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| Wednesday, February 21, 2018 | applications available (online/front office) |
| Wednesday, March 7, 2018 | applications due (front office) |
| Tuesday, March 27, 2018 | candidate meeting (Mrs. Wooley's room – B20) |
| Thursday/Friday April 12-13 | place posters around the school |
| April 16-20, 2018 | election week |
| Friday, April 20, 2018 | elections held in homeroom |
| Friday, April 20, 2018 | all posters removed by 3:30 P.M. |

You may email Mrs. Wooley with any questions/concerns at any time:
tara.wooley@dcsms.org.



Student Council Application
DeSoto Central High School
2018-2019

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

I am applying for the position of _____.

What grade will you be in next year? (2018-2019) _____

Name _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent(s) Information:

Mother's Name _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____ Work Phone # _____

Father's Name _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____ Work Phone # _____

Positions Available

Executive Positions (all executive position applications must have been an active officer on Student Council for the 2017-2018 school year):

- Executive President (must be a Senior and must have been on SC 2017-2018)
- Executive Vice-President (must be a Senior and must have been on SC 2017-2018)
- Executive Secretary/Treasurer (active SC member 2017-2018)
- Executive Communication Coordinator

Class Freshmen/Sophomore/Junior/Senior

- President (Senior Class President must have been on SC 2017-2018)
- Vice-President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Communication Coordinator
- Representative(s)

List any clubs/organizations you are involved in at school. List any leadership positions held:

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List any organizations you are involved in outside of school. (including church affiliations) Please include details:

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List any honors and awards you have received while at DCHS:

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List any school service in which you have participated while attending DCHS:

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Student Council Position Information/Responsibilities

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All executive officers must meet the following criteria:

Criteria

- active member
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Executive President - member of Senior Class and active member (2017-2018)

Responsibilities

- plan meetings accordingly
- set an example with no unexcused absences while Executive President
- create an agenda for Student Council meetings
- preside over meetings in an orderly manner
- respect the ideas of all Student Council members
- communicate ideas with the Student Body
- meet with Class Presidents to help organize class meetings
- meet with Freshman Class to help with Homecoming preparations

Executive Vice-President - member of Senior Class and active member (2017-2018)

Responsibilities

- help plan meetings accordingly
- set an example with no unexcused absences while Executive Vice President
- preside over class meetings if Executive President is unable to attend meeting
- support and work together with the Executive President
- respect the ideas of all Student Council members
- communicate ideas with the Student Body
- **keep attendance records in order**
- send probation notices to members with 2 absences

Executive Secretary/Treasurer – active member (2017-2018)

Responsibilities

- help plan meetings
- record **detailed** meeting minutes/budget information in the Student Council binder
- communicate with class secretaries
- have executive members sign meeting minutes
- obtain a copy of all class meeting minutes

Executive Communications Coordinator

Responsibilities

- must communicate with all Communication Coordinators about meetings, activities, responsibilities
- must create and maintain social media: Remind, Twitter, Snapchat, GoogleForms, Polls, etc.

CLASS OFFICERS

All class officers must meet the following criteria:

Criteria

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Class President(s)

Responsibilities; Senior Class president must have been an active member on Student Council previous year. (2017-2018)

- set an example with no unexcused absences while Class President
- plan meetings with class sponsor(s) and other class officers
- plan at least one class activity other than Homecoming (class night, movie night, etc.)
- delegate responsibilities for Homecoming preparations (float, crash signs, etc.)
- create an agenda for class meetings
- attend all class meetings
- must be a member of the class in which they seek
- (Senior Class President works with Ms. Benson to coordinate distribution of senior jerseys.)

Class Vice-President(s)

Responsibilities

- plan meetings with class sponsor(s) and other class officers
- set an example with no unexcused absences while Class Vice President
- preside over class meetings if Class President is unable to attend meetings
- support and work together with the Class President
- respect the ideas of all Student Council members
- communicate ideas with the Student Body
- keep attendance records in order
- send probation notices to members with 2 absences for class meetings
- help delegate responsibilities for Homecoming preparations (float, crash signs, etc.)
- help create an agenda for class meetings

Secretary/Treasurer(s)

Responsibilities

- help plan class meetings
- record meeting minutes/budget information in the class meeting folder
- communicate with class secretaries and obtain a copy of all class meeting minutes
- help class sponsors create purchase requisitions for class supplies (Homecoming, etc.)

Class Communications Coordinator(s)

Responsibilities

- must communicate with other class members about meetings, activities, responsibilities
- must create and maintain social media: Remind, Twitter, Snapchat, GoogleForms, Polls, etc.
- must communicate effectively with fellow class officers

Membership Requirements

Members are expected to be present at all meetings.

- Probation after 2 absences.

Members are expected to be active and participate in ALL Student Council activities.

- Probation after 2 major missed activities.

Members are expected to maintain a 2.8 GPA minimum.

- Probation after GPA drop identified.

Members are expected to maintain a good discipline record.

- Removal for any disciplinary action that results in ALC/suspension/after-school detention at the discretion of the Student Council sponsors.

Members are expected to represent DCHS in a positive manner.

- Probation and/or removal at the discretion of the administration and/or Student Council sponsors.

Student Council Application Reminders

Name: _____

Date Turned in: _____

Checklist (in this order):



Turn in your application in THIS order.

- Application filled out **completely**
- Permission form signed by parents and candidate
- Petition containing 30 student signatures and 3 teacher/staff signatures
- One PAGE essay TITLED "My Ideas for Student Council 2018-2019"
MLA format

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Student Council Member Petition

I, _____ am running for the position of _____ for the 2018– 2019 school year.

Do you feel I exhibit the qualities necessary for a leadership position, such as responsibility, self-discipline, honesty, and loyalty?

If you do, please sign below. Thank you!

30 people in my grade level

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3 teacher of staff who support my campaign

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Parent/Student Commitment

In order for Student Council to run as efficiently as possible, there is a contract that is strictly followed. Please make sure you have read and understand the contract, understand what is expected of each office, and understand what will occur if any council member does not adhere to contract. After becoming a member, it is possible for the contract to be changed or altered as the council sees fit. Changes and decisions may be made at the discretion of the DeSoto Central administration and/or Student Council sponsors.

Thanks,
Mrs. Tara Wooley
Mrs. Lauren Chalk
Mrs. Crystal Fischer
Mrs. Vaughan Nichols

Student Council Sponsors

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read the guidelines and understand that once accepted as a member of the DCHS Student Council, I must maintain passing grades in all courses, present myself as role model, and participate in Student Council activities. I agree that all information listed on this application is correct.

I, _____, agree to meet the all expectations for the duration of my position in DCHS Student Council. I understand that if I fail to meet any expectations, I will be dismissed from my position.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

I have read all the Student Council guidelines. My child has permission to run for DCHS Student Council.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____