

About the MCDS Student Council

Do you want to make a difference? Do you want school to be an even more fun and exciting place to be?

The MCDS Student Council helps plan and organize events for students.

Who Can Participate?

The MCDS Student Council will consist of representatives from Grades 3-12. Three elementary students, three middle school students, and three high school students will be elected as representatives. Officers (*President, Vice President, Secretary, and Historian will be determined after Student Council Representatives are elected.*)

- Students need to complete an application indicating that they are interested in serving on the Student Council. (see Mrs. Arnold or Ms. B to get an application & return in on Monday)
- Students will campaign Monday-Thursday during the week of September 8-11 with the election held on Sept 11. Students may hang 2 campaign posters and/or distribute flyers, buttons, ribbons. Campaign speeches will be given during lunch periods. Students in grades 3-12 will vote.

Qualities necessary for any member on Student Council are:

- * Leadership skills – Are you willing to lead committees and be a representative for your class?
- * Creative – Are you able to think of new and exciting activities and fundraisers for the student council?
- * Communicative – Are you able to share ideas with other Student Council members, your class and the whole school?
- * Team player – Are you willing to work as a team to generate ideas and organize events for the Student Council?
- * Responsibility – Are you responsible and reliable for running activities throughout the school year?
- * Commitment – Are you committed to attending meetings, events and making MCDS the best school in Walton County?
- * This is a yearlong club. If you commit to being an officer, you will be expected to participate in all meetings for the remainder of the year. This can include meetings before and after school, lunch meetings, community service events and school activities.

Our Goals Represent the student body Create school events to enhance school spirit Focus on student issues and come up with solutions Collect data about student concerns and needs Work as a team and build leadership skills	How Do We Find Out Students' Needs? You have to ask! Put out surveys to your student body. During your free time, ask them about their concerns. Ask them to attend your meetings to discuss issues and concerns.
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What Can Student Council Do? Contests Raise Awareness Fundraising Host/Assist Socials & Dances Assist with Sporting Events & Shows Community Service	What Do We Do With Our Data? Once You have surveyed the student body and heard about what they want and their concerns you have to evaluate it. As a group look at the issues that students are concerned about the most as well as the things they want. You have to pick Issues that: A) You can tackle and is not too far fetched, B) You have to be able to come up with a plan to resolve the issue or a plan to achieve some goal.
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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Your student is interested in running for Student Council. During our meeting times, students will plan and prepare for school events throughout the school year. At times, your child may be asked to attend additional school meetings or activities as well. We will inform you of these events as they arise.

Students interested in Student Council should consider the following guidelines and rules:

Student Council Representative Responsibilities

1. Attend ALL scheduled meetings. Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the Council.
2. Act responsibly at all meetings and activities/events and as a leader at MCDS.
3. Have excellent attendance, academics, and behavior.
4. Solicit input from your grade level peers. You are THEIR representative.
5. Attend all committee meetings and perform all assigned responsibilities at activities/events.
6. Obtain one teacher recommendation with completed form.

I give permission for _____ to campaign for Student Council. I have read and understand the rules and guidelines for the Student Council.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Council Application

Directions: Please answer the following questions utilizing your best writing and thinking skills. Give the questions serious thought before answering. You may use the back of this sheet to finish answers or you may use a separate sheet of paper.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

1. Tell about yourself. What schools have you attended? What type of leadership experiences have you had both in school and in the community?

2. If you could make ONE improvement at MCDS, what would it be and why?

3. How do you respond when people don't agree with your ideas?

4. What makes you the best candidate for student council?

5. If you could create one school event, what would it be and why?

Optional: List anything else that you would like us to consider for your application.