

Island School
Middle School Student Council
2014-2015

Mission Statement:

Middle School Student Council provides leadership opportunities for interested students. Student Council members represent middle school students and promote the core values represented in the 6Rs. Members respond to student issues and create student activities that promote enthusiasm and school spirit, building a community where each member and their constituents are valued and respected. Student Council members work with students, faculty, staff, parents, and administrators to make things happen in a timely manner.

Objectives: Student participating in the Middle School Student Council Program will . . .

Develop effective communication skills

Take on leadership opportunities

Have strategies for problem solving

Improve peer relationships

Express and develop a shared vision

Enjoy the process

Requirements of Candidacy and Positions :

Candidates and Leaders must

1. **Demonstrate Good Citizenship.** An elected representative is expected to demonstrate good citizenship or they may be removed from the ballot or their position.
2. **Maintain Good Academic Standing.** Students must have and maintain a C or higher grade in every class, unless permission is granted by a committee of teachers.
3. **Be involved in Student Council Activities:** Students must consistently attend meetings, meet deadlines, plan and coordinate activities which can occur during or after school and sometimes on weekends.

Application Process:

1. Students must fill out the required **Candidacy Eligibility Form**. This form requires two student statements of recommendation, one teacher statement of recommendation, and one statement about yourself with an explanation of what qualities you have for the position.
2. Students running for elected positions must create a written speech following the **Candidacy Speech Requirements Outline**.
3. Students must **perform a speech in front of the middle school student body** at Morning Meeting on Friday September 12th for executive members, and in front of their assigned homeroom for class representatives on Wednesday September 17th.
4. **Turn in your Eligibility Form and Speech Outline by no later than Tuesday September 9th** to Mr. Corbo's Office by room 7.
5. Winners of the Executive Election will be announced on Tuesday September 16th in Morning Meeting. Candidates who are not elected to an executive position are eligible to run for class representative on Wednesday, September 17th.

Available Positions for Middle School Student Council and Job Descriptions

Executive Branch (4)

President: The Middle School Student Council President sets the agenda for all Middle School Student Council Activities with the assistance of the Middle Activities Coordinator. By setting the agenda their responsibilities involves but is not limited to keeping the council on task, creating goals, executing and developing activities, delegating responsibilities, leading morning meetings, leading team building activities, planning logistics for events, and coordinating with High School Student Government. The President has the largest time commitment of all Council positions. The President should have good leadership and communication skills. This position is elected by the entire student body. This position will be voted on Friday September 12 in Homerooms. Their speech will be approximately and no longer than 3min during Morning Meeting on September 12th.

Vice President: The Middle School Student Council Vice President helps to carry out the agenda set forth by the President and the Middle School Activities Coordinator. Their responsibilities involve but are not limited to executing and developing activities, leading morning meetings, leading team building activities, planning logistics for events. In the event the President is not present or unable to fulfill his/her duties the Vice President would assume the role of the President. The Vice President should have good leadership and communication skills. This position is elected by the entire student body. This position will be voted on Friday September 12 in Homerooms. Their Speech will be approximately and no longer than 2min during Morning Meeting on September 12th.

Secretary: The Middle School Student Council Secretary helps to carry out the agenda set forth by the President and the Middle School Activities Coordinator. Their responsibilities involve but are not limited to keeping minutes during Council meetings, helping execute and developing activities, lead team building activities, help plan logistics for events. The Secretary should have good organizational and communication skills. In the event the President, and Vice President are not present or unable to fulfill his/her duties the Secretary would assume the role of the President or Vice President. This position will be appointed by the Middle school activity coordinator. This position will be voted on Friday September 12 in Homerooms. Their speech will be approximately and no longer than 2min during Morning Meeting on September 12th.

Treasurer: The Middle School Student Council Treasurer will assume the role of Secretary, Vice President or President in the event none of them are present or able to fulfill their duties. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting and budgeting money during activities. The Treasurer should have good math and logistical skills. This position will be voted on Friday September 12 in Homerooms. Their speech will be approximately and no longer than 2min during Morning Meeting on September 12th.

Class Representatives (6)

6th Grade Representatives (2)

-One boy and One girl

The 6th Grade Student Council Representatives' job is to communicate with the 6th grade student class and represent their opinions, beliefs, and values to help achieve goals and ambitions set forth by the 6th grade class. Representatives must attend meetings, help plan events, and collaborate with the executive branch. Their speeches will take place in their assigned homeroom class and be voted only by the classmates of their assigned class. Their speeches will take place in homeroom after their speech on September 12th.

7th Grade Representatives (2)

-One boy and one girl

The 7th Grade Student Council Representatives' job is to communicate with the 7th grade student class and represent their opinions, beliefs, and values to help achieve goals and ambitions set forth by the 7th grade class. Representatives must attend meetings, help plan events, and collaborate with the executive branch. Their speeches will take place in their assigned homeroom class and be voted only by the classmates of their assigned class. Their speeches will take place in homeroom after their speech on September 12th.

8th Grade Representatives (2)

One boy and one girl

The 8th Grade Student Council Representatives' job is to communicate with the 8th grade student class and represent their opinions, beliefs, and values to help achieve goals and ambitions set forth by the 8th grade class. Representatives must attend meetings, help plan events, and collaborate with the executive branch. Their speeches will take place in their assigned homeroom class and be voted only by the classmates of their assigned class. Their speeches will take place in homeroom after their speech on September 12th.

Candidacy Eligibility Form for Middle school Student Council

Possible Positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 6th Grade Class Representative, 7th Grade Class Representative, 8th Grade Class Representative.

Please fill in the following statements

I, _____, would like to run for the position of _____.

I think I would be a good candidate because . . .

(write specific examples of responsibilities you have or actions you have done that would indicate you would be a good leader)

Statements of Recommendation:

Teacher Statement (1)

I, _____, recommend _____
for the position of _____.

They would be a good candidate because (give a specific example)

Student Recommendation Statements (2)

A: I, _____ from grade _____, recommend
_____ for the position of _____.

They would be a good candidate because (give a specific example)

B: I, _____ from grade _____, recommend
_____ for the position of _____.

They would be a good candidate because (give a specific example)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY CANDIDATE: MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL OATH:

"With my candidacy to middle school student council, I understand that I am expected to behave interact and in all ways demonstrate, to the best of my ability, the values and mission of the middle school student council and Island School. I understand that any acts of bullying, vandalism or any direct insubordination of a teacher or administrator could be grounds for removal of the office.

Candidate Name Print

Parent of Guardian Name Print

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Candidacy Speech Requirements Outline-Middle School Student Council

I _____, have been nominated and I am running for the position of

_____.

Attention Getter

Ask a question or state a problem you see about the Middle school. Quick story or experience.

Ex. "Do you want to have more Middle School Dances? "

Main Idea

What do you see as the responsibilities of the position you are running for. What skills do you have? What have you done that makes you qualified? Be specific.

Call to Action

What is your Vision? What are your values? Why should we vote for you?
