

COPPER HILLS ELEMENTARY

Student Council – Fall 2022



The students at Copper Hills Elementary will learn the fundamentals of student government through our student council. **Student council meetings take place every other Tuesday in Room 14.**

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- May 9 – Orientation video shown in classes
- May 20 – Speech, Nomination Form, and Poster due
- May 23-27 – Record Speech on Flipgrid
- June 1 – Election
- June 3 – Results Announced at School

A candidate must take care of the following items before being placed on the ballot:

- Step 1:** Choose an appropriate office and get parent signature and approval on the nomination form. If you have been removed prior from Student Council for not fulfilling your obligation, you may not run for office the following semester.
- Step 2:** Check with your classroom teacher to see if you are eligible to run for an office (in good standing, good grades, good citizenship, etc.). Begin working on your speech and poster.
- Step 3:** Nomination form, typed copy of speech, and poster are due to Ms. Kauffman in Room 14 by **Friday, May 20, by 3:30pm.**
- Step 4:** You will record your speech on video **the week of May 23-27.** You will record using the website, Flipgrid. Your classroom teacher will share out the link for you to record, or you can go to the Copper Hills website on the Student Council page.
- Step 6:** The election will take place on **Wednesday, June 1st.** Speeches will be shown in class. All 3rd-5th grade students will vote using a Google Form. **Results will be shared on Friday, June 3.**

Offices and Duties

OFFICE	REQUIREMENTS	DUTIES
President	Must be a 6 th grade student in good standing.	Preside over all student body meetings and officers. Responsible for leading all school flag salute, attending and assisting with awards ceremonies.
Vice President	Must be a 5 th or 6 th grade student in good standing.	Takes the place of the President in their absence. Responsible for all presidential duties alongside the President.
Secretary	Must be a 5 th or 6 th grade student in good standing.	Must keep accurate notes of all meetings and correspondences. Takes attendance at meetings.
Office Liaison	Can be a 4 th , 5 th , and/or 6 th grader in good standing.	Communication officer for their grade level. Must check in with the office daily to report any information to the grade-level teachers and communicate with the administrators on behalf of the student body.
Special Event and Rally Commissioner	Can be a 4 th , 5 th or 6 th grade student in good standing.	Responsible for the set up and take down of all school events and rallies, including Red Ribbon Week, Pink Week, Special Events, etc.
Athletics Commissioner	Can be a 4 th , 5 th , and/or 6 th grade student in good standing.	Responsible for taking ball bin in and out for recess and/or lunch. Maintain ball bin and work with athletic director to keep equipment ready for students.
Commissioner Of Safety and Grounds	Must be a 4 th grade student in good standing.	Responsible for weekly restroom checks, MPR checks after lunch, and reporting any safety hazards to the administration. Assists in the quarterly district clean campus inspection and weekly assigned classroom clean up areas. Times fire drills and evacuation drills.

All student council officers will help with announcements, plan events, and contribute to our meetings.

Rules and Guidelines

1. Once a student is elected, failure to follow general school rules can result in removal from office.
Student Council officers are leaders on campus and are expected to be a great example to other students at all times.
2. Once elected, attendance at student council meetings is required. On the third unexcused absence, a student may be removed from office.
3. **Campaign speeches** must be given. **Speeches will be approved before being shown and cannot extend past 1 minute.** All students will at least introduce themselves and say what office they are running for. Speeches must be given without aid from anyone else (no one else may be in the video). Speeches must be positive and not involve put-downs of other candidates or involve references to real politicians.
4. All students running have the opportunity to create a **poster** that will be displayed in the MPR before voting occurs. The poster should at least have your name and the position you are running for. Positive posters only – no put downs of other candidates. Posters should be appropriate for an elementary school audience. No references to actual political figures are allowed. **Posters can be no bigger than 22 x 28 inches. No foam boards, please. Nothing heavy should be attached to your poster.**
5. Respect, thoughtfulness, and proper behavior for all students must be maintained at all times during the election process and after students are elected.
6. If any rules are not followed, the student may be disqualified.

Detach this form.

**Copper Hills Elementary
Student Council**

NOMINATION SIGNATURE PAGE

Student's Name _____ Current Grade Level _____

Desired Office/Position _____

Teacher's Name _____ Room # _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Principal/ GIS Signature _____

My child has my support and permission to run for student body office. I understand that my son/daughter will be put in a leadership role at Copper Hills Elementary and he/she will abide by all rules pertaining to the office held for one full semester. **I am aware that the meetings for student council will be held twice a month and are mandatory. I understand that no more than two unexcused absences are allowed or he/she will be removed from office.**

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I understand the rules and guidelines set forth by the advisors of the Copper Hills' Student Council. I am running for office and will do my best, if elected, to make Copper Hills the best it can be. **I understand that I must attend all meetings. I understand that upon my third unexcused absence, I will be removed from office.**

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Detach and return this form to Ms. Kauffman in Room 14 or to the front office by Friday, May 20, 2022.