

**Heritage High School Student Government
Campaign Guidelines 2018-19**

In order to ensure participants both equal and fair campaigns, we, the current officers and members of Heritage High School's Student Government Association ask that every candidate planning on running for an office position, or membership, follow these campaign guidelines and procedures. Failure to follow protocol may result in dismissal from the campaign as determined by administration. The following positions are available for next year:

Freshmen CLASS **NO Experience**
Vice President
Secretary
Communications officer
Members at Large

- a. **Class officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer)**
 - i. 50 signatures from student in their OWN grade level
 - ii. Recommendation letters (3)
 - iii. Ethics Statement and parent signature

- b. **Members-at-Large**
 - i. 30 signatures from their OWN grade level
 - ii. Recommendation letters (3)
 - iii. Ethics Statement and parent signature

SGA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Wake County Policy No. 6860 shall apply to students participating in the following activities in grades 7 – 12: Athletics, cheerleading, marching Band, including majorette, flag corps, etc., and student Council Officers and/or executive council

Students participating in the activities above shall comply with the following eligibility requirements:

a. School Academic Requirements:

- 1. Must have passed three subjects each term on a 4x4 block schedule. Note: Summer school grades may be used as part of the minimum load. WCPSS does not allow the year-end finals grades to override a deficiency in the second semester grades on a traditional calendar.
- 2. One of the classes passed must be English on traditional or must be passed as one of the three when taken on 4x4 block. (WCPS).
- 3. Cumulative grade point average must be at least 1.50 (WCPS).

EXCEPTIONS:

- If cumulative GPA is less than 1.5, students may be eligible if
 - a. GPA for immediate preceding semester is at least a 2.0

- b. Student is on track towards graduation
 - c. Progress during current semester is at least a 2.0
 - d. Principal give approval
4. Any student removed from Student Government due failure to meet academic requirements in the current year may not run for a position as an officer for the next year. Such a student may run as a member-at-large.

B . Student Council Attendance Policy:

1. SGA Monthly Meetings

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

2. Class Meetings

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

C. Grounds for Dismissal

Students may be removed from SGA at the discretion of the advisors and the administration.

Reasons for dismissal may include, but are limited to:

- Failure to fulfill the duties assigned to you
- Excessive absences
- Failure to represent Heritage High School Student Government in a positive manner through both social media and all other interactions.



So you want to run for Student Government?

You are running for a **PUBLIC OFFICE and POSITION OF LEADERSHIP AT HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL**. You are expected to uphold the expectations of Heritage High School, be a positive influence on your classmates, school and community. You will be held accountable for your actions (**classes, school functions, community events and social media**) as a Student Government Officer and representative of HHS. If you feel you cannot positively represent HHS and SGA, PLEASE do not run for office.

Read and follow the information below to help you in your campaign

Posters

- You are allowed up to 5 campaign posters.
- Posters MUST be pre-approved and initialed by an SGA Advisor (Mr. Bryant, Ms. Lyles, or an administrator) prior to being hung on walls.
- Posters may ONLY be displayed campaign week (Sept. 17th – Sept.21st) and MUST be taken down on Friday September 21st.
- Posters MUST be hung within 2 feet of an existing bulletin board (all others will be removed without notice).
- Poster putty or painters tape must be used to protect the integrity of the paint on the walls. They should be hung neatly without ragged blue tape showing.

Online Campaigning

- **THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO CAMPAIGNING ONLINE!!!**

This includes but is not limited to Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, MySpace, and Vine.

Any violation of this will be handled by administration

ALL of the following are not permitted during Student Government Campaigns:

- T-shirts with campaign slogans
- Gifts/Candy/Food/ANYTHING OF VALUE or any other form of bribery for votes
- Pins
- Degrading of other candidates, HHS staff members or students

**Heritage High School Student Government
Student Signature Page**

Directions: Get the required number of signatures from members of your class (unless running for Student Body), read and sign statement at the bottom of the back of this page, and turn the forms in to Mrs. Lyles in **Room #1618**. Nominations for Class officers require 50 signatures AND THREE teacher recommendations. Nominations for Members-at-large require 30 signatures AND THREE teacher recommendation. ***Elections will be held during advisory on Friday, September 21.***

I, _____, a member of the _____ class of intend to run
(Graduation Year)
 for the office of _____.

Name:	Grade:	Name:	Grade:
1.		31.	
2.		32.	
3.		33.	
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5.		35.	
6.		36.	
7.		37.	
8.		38.	
9.		39.	
10.		40.	
11.		41.	
12.		42.	
13.		43.	
14.		44.	
15.		45.	
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Ethics Statement

I, _____, a member of the _____ graduating class state that I have gathered all signatures honestly and that each student who has signed this nomination sheet has done so of their own free will. I understand that if I am elected to the office which I seek, I am accountable to the requirements of that office. I understand that if I do not meet those requirements, I may be put on probationary status or dismissed from my office at the discretion of the Student Government Advisor and Administration.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Student Email: _____@**students.wcpss.net**

Parent Signature

Date

**All nomination forms and teacher recommendations are due to
Mrs. Lyles or Mr. Bryant no later then
2:30 pm on Friday, September 14th !**

DUE Thursday, September 14th



Faculty Evaluation Form

Applicant Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____

To the Applicant: Please give this form AND an envelope to a Heritage High School faculty member who is aware of your academic abilities and character.

To the Reference: The above named student is applying for candidacy of the Heritage Student Government Association. Please evaluate the applicant based on the following scale, noting any comments. You must return the form directly to **Mrs. Lyles(1618) in person, or by placing it in her box by September 14th** . **Please do not return the form to the student.**

1=Poor 2=Average 3=Good 4=Excellent N/A=Not Known

- 1. This applicant shows great intent in pursuing his/her academic studies. _____
- 2. This applicant is of strong character. _____
- 3. This applicant is self-disciplined and will follow through with the activities with which s/he agrees to work. _____
- 4. This applicant is trustworthy. _____
- 5. This applicant has exhibited his/her commitment to the community through service. _____
- 6. This applicant is a leader inside the classroom. _____
- 7. This applicant is a leader outside the classroom. _____

I **very strongly** **strongly** **with reservation** **do not** (circle one) recommend this applicant to be Student Government candidate. Please note any comments of which you would like the SGA Advisors to be informed:

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Printed name of Reference

Signature Name of Reference