



Student Council General Information 2015-16

We are so excited you are interested in Student Council. We look forward to an outstanding year led by outstanding student leaders. Ascent Academies Student Council is viewed as a group of highly motivated leaders who strive to improve the school's environment. Student Council leaders promote responsible and respectful behavior at all times and are willing to be positive role-models, demonstrate initiative and follow-through, carry-out learned leadership skills, implement service projects, attend required meetings, and much more! Please refer to the **Expectations** form in this packet for more detailed information related to requirements.

Selection Process

The following information explains the Student Council Selection Process:

- (9) Student Council members will be selected by an Ascent Academies Committee. All (9) students selected will automatically take on the title as *Representative*.
- Once the (9) Student Council Representatives have been chosen and announced, Representatives may choose to run for President, Vice President, or Executive Assistant. Those Representatives that choose not to run for the (3) elected positions or Representatives not voted in will remain on the Student Council as Representatives. Only Jr. High students will vote.
- Representatives running for President, Vice President, and Executive Assistant will be expected to campaign and give a campaign speech.
- Student Council members will be **required** to pay a one- time fee of 50.00. This fee must be paid once the council has been announced.
- Student Council sweaters are **optional** and will be an additional cost.

Timeline

- Fri., Aug. 21, 2015: Student Council **Applications** are **available** in the office.
- Mon., Sept. 7, 2015: **Applications** are **due** by 3:00 pm., in the office.
- Mon., Sept. 14, 2015: Student Council Names will be posted.
- Tues., Sept. 15, 2015: Student Council members announced at *Tuesday Talk*.
- Tues., Sept. 15, 2015: Mandatory Meeting at 3:15-3:45 pm for all Student Council members. **Please arrange to be picked up from school at 3:45 pm.** (Q&A Session and Campaign Guidelines to be discussed.)
- Wed., Sept. 16, 2015: Campaigning window opens for President, Vice President, Executive Assistant.
- Wed., Sept. 23, 2015: Candidates give Campaign Speeches & Jr. High Students Vote at lunch
- Thurs., Sept. 24, 2015: Student Council voting results will be posted.
- Tues., Oct. 6, 2015: Pres., Vice Pres., & Executive Assistant Announced at Tues. Talk

Student Council Expectations 2015-16

Thank you for showing interest in the Student Council. Ascent Academies of Utah – Farmington Campus (AAUF) is relying on student leaders from the 7th through 9th grades to be exceptional role models, motivated, hardworking, reliable, and willing to serve. Please take a moment to look over the following expectations as you consider if student council is the “right fit” for you.

Student Council member is a position of leadership. You will need to plan, organize, advertise, prepare, execute, and evaluate activities for AAUF. You will need to be self-motivated and able to work individually on your assignments, as well as be a strong team player – working hard and paying attention to detail. Members will be expected to be positive role models and make a positive difference at AAUF.

Student Council members will be required to maintain an *Excellent*, or equivalent, in citizenship in every class and maintain a GPA of 3.0.

Student Council members will also be expected to attend meetings and activities. Most of the meetings will be held immediately after school on Thursdays. You will be responsible for scheduling a ride home. Additional planning meetings may be scheduled before or after school or at lunchtime. Members may be asked to miss classes in order to conduct Student Council business. Students will be required to gather and complete any missed work.

Individual Student Council members will also be required to complete a total of five service hours within the AAUF community. The Student Council team will be required to complete a total of five additional service hours for AAUF.

The student council will be divided into specific jobs, each having its own description to be determined: president, vice president, executive assistant, and grade-level representatives.

All Student Council members are expected to be supportive and positively promote Ascent Academies. Failure to be positive and supportive may result in disciplinary actions that may include dismissal from Student Council. Our goals are to unify, encourage, and support Ascent Academies of Utah – Farmington Campus.



Student Council Application

An Introduction to Me!

We want to get to know YOU! Please address the following questions using your unique and creative expressive talents. Have fun with this project! Pictures, creativity and individuality are encouraged.

You can present your responses using any of the following Expression Styles: Dramatic, Musical, Service, Audio Visual, Written, Oral, Artistic, Technological, or Hands-on. Please turn in your responses to Mrs. Nelson or Mrs. Erni.

If your responses are available in electronic format or posted online, please email the information or link to dnelson@ascentutah.org or cerni@ascentutah.org. You can decide the best method to turn in your responses but don't hesitate to ask if you need clarification. You may not present in person.

Please Include Basic Contact Information:

Name, Current grade, Phone #, Email address

An Introduction to Me Questions:

1. Introduce yourself... Who are you? What is it that makes you, YOU?
2. Why would you like to be in Student Council? What contributions can you offer as an effective leader at Ascent Academies - Farmington?
3. What top three qualities do you possess as a leader? How can these qualities strengthen our Student Council and school?
4. Share an example of a time you served in a leadership role. How did you lead and how did others react to your leadership skills?
5. What obstacles or challenges have you faced while in a leadership role? What did this say about your problem solving and people skills?
6. Describe the importance of being part of a leadership team.
7. What do you think Student Council can do for our school?
8. Student Council will take a good portion of your time, what other school activities/clubs do you plan on participating in? Describe how you plan to balance them? What is your plan for maintaining grades/organization if selected?
9. Share your favorite school memory and its significance.