

Elementary Student Council Speech Guidelines

Congratulations on making the decision to run for a position on the Elementary Student Council.

If you are running for one of the following positions; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Graphic Designer you will be required to give a speech to students from grades 3-5 at the assembly on Friday, August 26th.

If you are running for a class representative position, you will be required to give a speech to your classmates, at a time selected by your homeroom teacher.

Due to the quantity of people campaigning for these positions, the speeches must be **no longer** than two minutes.

Here are some guidelines to help you create your speech:

- Briefly welcome your student voters
- Give a short introduction... name and class
- Provide the main goal you are standing for
- Introduce position you are running for
- Create a short (one line) message explaining why you have selected your position
- Tell your audience a need of the school
- Give them a brief solution
- Explain why you are the best for the position
- Create a slogan to help people remember you

Please remember:

- Keep it brief
- Be positive
- Don't slam opponents
- Don't scream
- Don't offer bribes or freebies
- Don't make promises you cannot keep
- Have fun

Sample Speech

Hello students and teachers! I'm Ben from 3D. I love to participate in all the fun events that go on at KIS and that is why I am running for the position of class representative. I am running for this position because I want to be the voice for my classmates. I feel like lots of great things go on at KIS but there should be even more! I will contribute ideas for themed activities and raising funds for local charities. I am the best choice for this position because I am loud, so our class's ideas will be heard. A good leader listens and then acts and I will do both! Once again, I am Ben a 3D class rep candidate and I want you to know that a vote for me is the best choice for 3D!

Tips for Public Speaking

- Make notes about what you are going to say. That way you will be sure not to forget anything.
- Practice in front of a mirror, or even better, another person.
- Try to speak slowly and clearly. It's natural to want to rush through your words when you are nervous so focus really hard on slowing down. Take a deep breath if you need to.
- Look at the audience when you speak.
- Show enthusiasm in your voice.
- Smile!

Speech Deadline!

Speeches are due for approval by one of the student council advisers by Thursday, August 25th.

Fourth Grade: Approved by Ms. Evans or Ms. Bedessem

Fifth Grade: Approved by Mr. Harnish or Mr. Reynolds

Good Luck to the Candidates of 2010-2011!