



## Guadalupe School Student Council Campaign Rules

1. Meet all deadlines on the timeline. Any late speeches or self-nomination forms will not be accepted.
2. Complete the Self-Nomination form with parent and teacher signatures. Turn this form in by **3:00 on Wednesday, Sept. 28** to the office.
3. Write your speech on your own and turn it in **at the table in the courtyard** in the morning on **Monday, October 3**. The table will be there from 7:45am-8:10am. Bring your posters with you as well. If approved, you will be able to put them up immediately. You may wish to bring blue “painter’s” tape to attach the posters to windows or wire twisty ties/pipe cleaners to attach the posters to the fence. Do not tape posters to doors or walls, please.
4. **NO LATE SPEECHES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
5. If you get your speech back to make revisions, you must return it to Mrs. Farnam, Mrs. Susoev, or Mrs. Williams the following day with the changes for approval.
6. Each candidate (or partnership) for student council can put up only **2 posters**. You may use blue tape to place one in the courtyard so students may see it at lunch and one on the fence facing the portables (by the upper restrooms). You may use school paper or you may purchase your own poster board.
7. **No campaign poster may be larger than 24 inches by 30 inches.**
8. **Give-aways are not allowed: no pencils, buttons, candy, promises, etc. You may not give away any stickers at all.**
9. **Each candidate’s (group) speech may be no longer than 2 minutes from start to finish.** Only one additional person may help or be a part of a speech. This rule will be strictly enforced so that all candidates have a chance to give their speech. If you plan on using music or any kind of technology, you will need to bring everything you need to use this technology, and know how to use it.
10. Grizzlies will lead the school cheer instead of a formal speech.
11. The speech assembly on Friday, October 7 is for students only. Third, Fourth and Fifth grade classes will attend. *Space is very limited.* Parents are asked to allow this to be a “student-only” assembly. The election will immediately follow the assembly.

**Tips for the speech:**

Writing a good speech is like writing a good paragraph. You should have a beginning, middle, and end.

**In the beginning tell the audience who you are.**

*Hi, I'm Jane Smith from Mr. Jackson's class, and I am running for the office of President.*

**In the middle tell them why:**

*I think that I would make a fantastic president because:*

- 1. I'm organized.*
- 2. I have great ideas.*
- 3. I have been a leader on student council in the past.*

**Give some details:**

*One of the activities that I would like to implement at Guadalupe is a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt.*

**End by telling the audience who you are and to vote for you.**

*So don't forget, vote for me, Jane Smith for President.*

You can end with a cute campaign slogan or just your name.

Once you understand the formula **you can be creative and change things around**. You may use props or charts that you make.

**Additional Reminders:**

- Time your speech and make sure that it's not longer than 2 minutes!
- Remember to practice a lot!
- Practice using your props, if you have any.
- You must not say anything negative about the other candidates.
- Smile and have eye contact!
- Use your strong voice!
- If you use technology, be sure you have practice many times with it and know how to use it.

**Good Luck**