

MRJH Student Council Application

2020-2021

Submit your completed application to Ms. McNeill (room A129)
by Friday, March 13 at 3:00 pm.

The Mountain Ridge Jr. High Student Council is a group of dedicated, hard-working students who contribute to a positive school environment, both during school hours and outside of school. Members of student council work on projects, organize activities, give service, and otherwise improve the culture of Mountain Ridge Junior High.

Complete all items on the following checklist.

- INFORMATION PAGE.** Complete the double-sided information page and include it as the cover sheet of your portfolio. (Keep this page as a reference.)
- PHOTO.** Staple a photo of yourself to the front of your application.
- LETTER OF INTENT.** Write a short letter of intent (one side only, 12-point font, double-spaced) that answers the following questions:
 - *What can you tell us about yourself that would help us get to know you better?*
 - *What previous leadership experience have you had? What leadership skills would you bring to student council? Give examples of times you have demonstrated commitment and dedication.*
 - *What kinds of activities put on by the student council have been the most effective? Why?*
 - *What are some problems or concerns that you see at Mountain Ridge? What have you tried to do about those issues in the past? As a member of student council, how might you contribute to solving those problems?*
- ACTIVITY PLAN.** Create a plan for a new (original) activity you would like to see at the school. Fill out the yellow activity form and include it with your application.
- FLYER.** Also create a flyer for your activity—something that you would either hang around the school or pass out to individual students to inform and advertise.
- CAMPAIGN POSTER.** Create a poster (8½”x11”) that promotes you as a candidate for student council. Your poster should tell the school why you’re running and why you’re qualified for student council, not *just* share catchy slogans and funny pictures. Submit two copies of the poster.
- GRADE TRANSCRIPT.** Include a grade transcript. (You can print one from Skyward. We understand that third term grades aren’t yet final.)
- When you submit your application to Ms. McNeill, **sign up** for a group interview time (March 17 or 18). Come prepared to make a 10-second statement about why you should be elected to student council. You will be videotaped at your appointment.

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Name _____ Grade next year _____

STUDENT CONTRACT

Check all boxes that apply:

- I will be a full-time student at Mountain Ridge Jr. High next year.
- My cumulative GPA for this year is at least a 3.0.
- My citizenship for the school year consists of only O's and S's.
- I am willing to dedicate my time before school, after school, and during school to fulfill my student council responsibilities. I understand that attendance at student council-sponsored events (e.g., dances, orientations, fundraisers) is mandatory, and that I may occasionally be required to miss other activities such as sports practice/games, music lessons, etc.
- I understand that as a member of the student council, I will be representing the entire student body, faculty, and staff of Mountain Ridge Jr. High. I agree to be a role model in behavior and attitude at all times.
- If selected, I will enroll in the Student Council class, which is a year-long course.
- I commit to attend the mandatory summer leadership retreat (details to come).

List any extracurricular activities you anticipate being involved in next year.	
Activity	Days/Hours per week

Student Signature _____

PARENT CONTRACT

- I give my support and permission to my daughter/son to run for student council at Mountain Ridge Jr. High and upon being elected, I give my support and permission for participation during the 2020-2021 school year.
- I understand that application results (faculty/staff recommendations, interview scores) are sealed.

Parent Signature _____

STUDENT COUNCIL SELECTION PROCESS

SELECTION TIMELINE

February 18-March 13	Student Council applications available
March 13	Student Council applications due
March 17-18	Mandatory group interviews after school
March 19-20	Elections
March 20	Student Council positions posted

1. Complete and submit your application. Turn it in to Ms. McNeill (A129) by March 13 at 3:00 pm. Late applications will not be considered.
2. Group interviews will be held March 17 OR March 18 from 3:00-4:00 in Ms. McNeill's room (A129). **You MUST come to one of the group interviews to be considered for student council!** Make every possible arrangement to be at one of these meetings if you'd like to be a member of next year's student council. **Sign up for an interview date when you submit your application.**
3. Ms. McNeill and Ms. Cragun will solicit feedback from your teachers about your work ethic, class behavior, ability to get work in on time, etc. Teacher feedback, application, and interview scores determine 50% of each applicant's total score.
4. Elections will be held March 19-20 online during school hours. The results of the election will determine 50% of each applicant's total score.
5. The students with the highest scores will be accepted into student council. (There are usually around 16 students accepted into the group, but this number is subject to change.)

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INFORMATION FORM
2020-2021**

Name			
Current Advisory Teacher		Grade next year	
Address			City
Cell Phone		Home Phone	
Student Email <i>*please include school and personal addresses, if applicable*</i>			
Parent/Guardian Name(s)			
Parent/Guardian Phone		Parent/Guardian Email	

If elected, you will be required to purchase a student council jacket. (Cost will be included in your school fees.) Choose your size:

WXS	WS	WM	WL	WXL	MXS	MS	MM	ML	MXL
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