

What is student council?

The student council is an organized group of student leaders who represent the student body. Student council has the opportunity to lead events and positively impact the school and community.

Is student council right for me?

If you are interested in becoming part of the SVCS student council, you must meet the following guidelines:

- You must maintain at least a 2 in each class throughout the 2021-2022 school year.
- You must not receive disciplinary referrals of any kind during the school year.
- You must be able to work cooperatively with other students and adults
- You must be able to make up any work in class that you have missed due to student council meetings or events.
- You must be a model of good behavior and scholarly expectations, as outlined in the student handbook and middle school policies.

How do I become part of student council?

- Complete the student council application by **Friday, October 8th**. Late applications will not be accepted, and you will not be able to run for student council.
- Ask for and receive recommendations from two teachers by having them complete your student council recommendation forms. These must be completed by **Friday, October 8th** and attached to your application.
- Create and display NO MORE than three campaign posters. Candidates may have one 22 x 28 poster, and two 8.5 x 11 posters. Candidates will not be allowed to hang more than three posters under any circumstance. These must be approved by Dr. Boudreau or Ms. Provost before you hang them by **Monday, October 11th**. Posters may only be displayed in the MPR and in the middle school area hallways. Any candidate who does not make at least one poster will be disqualified.
- Write a campaign speech. It may be no longer than two minutes. Content must be approved by Dr. Boudreau or Ms. Provost by **Monday, October 11th**. Any candidate who does not submit a speech for approval by **Monday, October 11th** will be disqualified.
- Deliver campaign speech on **Friday, October 15th**. Voting will take place the following **Monday, October 18th**.

Student Council Offices:

President (7th - 8th grade)

- Lead all meetings
- Give assistance, guidance, and praise
- Act as a facilitator during discussions
- Maintain frequent contact with faculty and administration
- Work with advisors on all planning
- Participate in student council sponsored activities/events
- Lead morning announcements

Vice President: (6-8th grade)

- Work closely with President
- Assume President's duties when needed
- Work with President and Treasurer in preparing calendar and budget
- Work with advisors on all planning
- Assist the President in preparing meeting agendas
- Participate in student council sponsored activities/events
- Lead morning announcements if President is absent

Treasurer: (6th-8th grade)

- Oversee council expenses and revenues
- Maintain an accurate and detailed financial record
- Share budget records with advisors
- Work with President and Vice President in preparing calendar and budget
- Participate in student council sponsored activities/events

Secretary: (6th-8th grade)

- Keep minutes for all student council meetings
- Maintain the calendar set forth by President and Vice President
- Share calendar and minutes with advisors
- Participate in student council sponsored activities/events

Class Representative [one per each grade] (4th-8th grade)

- Attend Student Council meetings
- Report back to class about student council sponsored activities/events
- Participate in student council sponsored activities/ events

Sacramento Valley Charter School Student Council Application

Please complete this application and submit it by **Friday, October 8th**. You may give your application to Dr. Boudreau or Ms. Provost before or after school. No email copies will be accepted. Your application must be signed by both you and your parent/guardian. All applications must have at least two teacher/faculty recommendations. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted or considered.**

Student name: _____

Desired position: _____

Part A: Answer the following questions completely. You may attach additional paper if necessary.

1. Why would you like to be a member of the SVCS student council?

2. What ideas do you have to improve our school? For example, do you have any ideas related to student activities, technology use, student collaboration, or lunch procedures?

3. What is your personal definition of a leader? Explain how you represent your definition.

4. How do you respond when people don't agree with your ideas?

5. Student council raises money every year to benefit the school. Explain how you would like to use the money and why.

Part B:

Read the following statements carefully and then sign this application. Then, have your parent or guardian read these statements and sign your application.

1. I understand that I must maintain at least a 2 average in all my classes at all times.
2. I understand that I am expected to attend all Student Council meetings and if absent check in with Dr. Boudreau or Ms. Provost the next day I am back in school.
3. I understand that as a member of Student Council I am ALWAYS representing SVCS, and that I will be required to demonstrate responsibility and leadership in all areas of my school life.
4. I understand that as a Student Council Officer, I will be held to a high standard. Any disciplinary infractions may result in my dismissal from Student Council.
5. I agree to participate in Student Council activities, events, and meetings. I have read and understand the above statements. I agree to act accordingly.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and understand the above statements. I give approval for my son/daughter to participate in SVCS Student Council

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS APPLICATION AND TWO TEACHER and/or FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS SHEET MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN **Friday, October 8th**. TURN IN TO DR. BOUDREAU OR MS. PROVOST. THERE WILL BE NO LATE EXCEPTIONS.

RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR SVCS STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Homeroom teacher: _____
Recommending Teacher/Faculty: _____

Please check all that apply: This student will be a good candidate because he/she represents a model SVCS scholar by demonstrating the following character qualities: (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Respectful	<input type="checkbox"/>	Creative	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Team player	<input type="checkbox"/>	Innovative	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dependable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inquisitive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardworking	<input type="checkbox"/>

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