

AMERICAN FORK JR. HIGH

STUDENT COUNCIL PACKET

Student Council has three primary objectives:

- 1. Respect:** making AFJH a happy place for ALL students to be.
- 2. Honor:** making things better for AFJH and the American Fork community
- 3. Pride:** encouraging students to take pride in being a Caveman

Requirements:

1. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the school year
2. Must not have been suspended or in ISS last school year and no D's or F's on report card.
3. Be willing to give up an elective class for 2nd semester (0.5 credit) **and** attend mandatory council meetings.
4. Attend dances, talent show auditions, elections, etc. after school.
5. Attend at least one school sponsored activity per month (play, concert, game, etc.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY
August 28 Application Packets and digital posters due by 3 pm
FRIDAY
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Winners announced!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31	Sept. 1	2	3	4
Interview schedule is posted outside of room 121	Interviews Voting through email	Interviews <u>Voting through</u> email	Interviews Voting through email	Winners announced!

CAMPAIGN RULES

If any of these rules are broken you may be disqualified without warning. If you feel like you have violated these rules without understanding, see Ms. Oney or Ms. Thomas before administration or other students report you.

1. No incentives (candy, gum, etc.) buttons, flyers, accessories, or paper of any kind may be handed out as part of your campaign.
2. No physical posters
3. You may only encourage others to vote-you may not use force or coercion.

Other ideas for campaigning: T-shirts, Social Media, etc. If you are unsure, please ask Ms. Oney or Ms. Thomas.

DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS

Below are descriptions of each position of student council and the grade level that can hold that position. Please read through the position carefully and select the position that feels right for you.

Please note: If any candidate running for president, vice president or secretary is not the winner for that position, they may be offered a cabinet position depending on their scores in the interview and voting processes.

President: (9th Grader Only)

- 9th grader elected by 9th graders
- Is the head of student council-In charge of running student council meetings, organizing events, holding the council accountable for assignments, etc.
- Works with and leads the 9th Grade cabinet
- Leads the school as an example

Vice President: (8th or 9th Grader)

- 8th or 9th grader elected by both (8th and 9th) grades
- Works with the president leading the 7th and 8th grade cabinets
- Fills in if the president is absent or unable to fulfill their role.
- Leads the school as an example

Secretary: (8th or 9th Grader)

- 8th or 9th grader elected by both (8th and 9th) grades
- Is the right hand man/woman of the President
- Knows everyone on council and can communicate efficiently
- Works with the advisor to create meeting agendas
- Does a lot of the behind the scenes stuff to make the council run smoothly.

Cabinet: (All Grades)

- There are 5 cabinet positions for each grade elected by their grade.
- Work to bring the needs of their grade/school to the attention of the student council and help find ways to address those issues.
- Work with the other student council members to plan activities for the students at AFJH to participate in.
- May be asked to be a liaison (communicator) with other groups in the school to coordinate activities (i.e. Yearbook, NJHS, Latinos in Action and Hope Squad)
- May be asked to be the Spirit Officer to lead the student section in appropriate cheers and to have a positive influence at events.

CHECKLIST

(See next page for details)

- Application (including picture, grades, and digital poster)
- Two Teacher Recommendations
- Online Group Interview

APPLICATION

1. Click the link (<https://forms.gle/gTHS4aCw1cAshpL68>) to fill out the application. During the application, you will be required to:
 - a. Upload a picture of yourself
 - b. Answer questions about your previous experience, qualifications and which position(s) you want to run for.
 - c. Upload a PDF of your digital poster (see step 2 for more info)
2. Create and upload a 1-slide digital "poster" (in PDF form). Please use PowerPoint or Google Slides to create. The poster must include
 - a. A picture of the candidate
 - b. A slogan or reasons people should vote for you.

*Please remember that any picture/images used must adhere to the AFJH dress code and code of conduct.



TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Two teacher recommendations are required to run for Student Council. Please choose 2 teachers and send them an email or talk to them in person to complete their recommendation with this link: <https://forms.gle/jresVJx4G7S9sb5v9>. Here is an example of an email you can send.

EXAMPLE EMAIL

Dear (Teacher's Name),

I am applying for Student Council this year! Could you please take a couple of minutes and fill out this recommendation for me? The link is <https://forms.gle/jresVJx4G7S9sb5v9>. Please submit no later than August 26th. Thank you for your help!

GROUP INTERVIEW

Candidates will participate in an online group interview as part of the selection process. This will be explained in more detail during the interview. Please see the schedule posted by Ms. Oney's door (Rm. 121) on Monday, April 24th. Interviews will be held August 25-27th online. Times are chosen at random. Please see Ms. Oney if your time doesn't work.

VOTING AND RESULTS

Voting will occur through student emails Aug. 25-27th. Students will be emailed a ballot and will vote using their school issued email. Encourage people you know to vote!

Each candidate will be given a score on their application, interview and voting. The candidates with the highest combined score will be chosen. The scores are weighted as follows:

Application/Teacher Recs:	25% of total score
Voting:	25% of total score
Interview:	50% of total score

Winners will be announced on Friday, Aug. 28th. More information to come.