

American Fork Jr. High

STUDENT COUNCIL PACKET

(An electronic version of this packet can also be found on the school website for access to the links)

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 your report card.
3. Be willing to give up a 0.5 credit (possibly 1.0 credit) elective **and** attend mandatory council meetings.
4. Attend activities (dances, elections, etc.) after school.
5. Attend at least one school sponsored activity per month (play, concert, game, etc.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APRIL/MAY				26 Applications Due by 3 PM Interview Schedule Available at 5 PM
29 INTERVIEWS DURING CAVETIME	30 INTERVIEWS DURING CAVETIME	May 1 Teacher Rec. due at 3 PM	2 INTERVIEWS DURING CAVETIME	3 Voting ends at 8 AM Results sent through email @ 3 PM
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> ← <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; flex-grow: 1; text-align: center;"> Campaigning & Voting </div> → </div>				

CAMPAIGN RULES

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

1. No flyers/papers, stickers or food incentives (candy, gum, etc.) 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 coerce (bribing).

Other ideas for campaigning: T-shirts, bracelets, social media, etc. If you are unsure, please ask Ms. Oney.

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, secretary or publicity is not the winner for that position, they may be offered a cabinet position depending on their scores in the interview and voting processes.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Description</u>
President -Future 9th grader only -Elected by future 8th and 9th graders	-Directs and leads student council meetings/class -In charge of organizing events -Holds the council accountable for assignments -Leads the school as an example
Vice President -Future 9th grader only -Elected by future 8th and 9th graders	-Supports president in their role by accepting/ anticipating responsibilities from the president -Fills in if the president is absent or unable to fulfill their role -Tracks assignments and attendance for class/events -Leads the school as an example
Secretary -Future 8th or 9th grader -Elected by future 8th and 9th graders	-Contacts council members with meeting and event reminders -Helps prepare schedule/agenda/announcements for class in an organized manner -Ensures accurate records are kept on Google Drive for each event/meeting -Leads the school as an example
Publicity -Future 8th or 9th grader -Elected by future 8th and 9th graders	-Manages official StuCo social media account -Photographs events and continuously spotlights students and groups on social media -Works with the liaison (communicator) between yearbook and student council -Leads the school as an example
Cabinet Member -4-5 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 other student council members to plan activities for AFJH students to participate in. -Leads the school as an example -May be asked to be a liaison (communicator) with other groups in the school to coordinate activities

CHECKLIST

(See next page for details)

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

APPLICATION

1. Click the link (<https://forms.gle/s8gXGy76AiXWrzDgZ>) or scan the QR code to fill out the application. During the application, you will be required to:
 - a. Upload a picture of yourself
 - b. Answer questions about your qualifications and which position(s) you want to run for.
 - c. Upload an image of your grades for this year. Please include all terms.
 - d. Upload a slide or Image of your digital poster (see step 2 for more info)
2. Create and upload a 1-slide digital "poster" that will be shown during campaign week on the TVs in the commons. You can create the poster on any program, but please submit as a google slide or as an image. The poster must include:
 - a. Your name
 - b. A picture of the candidate
 - c. A slogan or reasons people should vote for you.



Please remember that as a student council member, you are held to high expectations as an example to the students of the school. Any picture/images used must adhere to the AFJH 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/ktPdpHEL2iH7QQGZ7>. Here is an example of an email you can send.

EXAMPLE EMAIL

Dear (Teacher's Name),

My name is (your name) and I am applying for Student Council for next year! Could you please take a couple of minutes and fill out this recommendation for me? The link is <https://forms.gle/ktPdpHEL2iH7QQGZ7>. Please submit no later than May 1st. Thank you for your help!

GROUP INTERVIEW

Candidates will participate in a group interview as part of the selection process. The interview schedule will be emailed out by Friday, April 26th at 5:00 pm. They can also be accessed [here](#). Interviews will be held on April 29th, 30th and May 2nd during Cavetime. Times are chosen at random. Please email Ms. Oney by Monday, April 29th at 8:00 am if your time doesn't work.

VOTING AND RESULTS

Voting will occur through student emails April 29th-May 3rd. Students will be emailed a ballot and will vote using their school issued email. Voting ends at 8:00 am on Friday, May 3rd. Encourage people 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, May 3rd through email at 3:00 pm. A schoolwide announcement will be made Monday, May 6th.