



Course Title: Student Government

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Required Materials:

1. Chromebook
2. Email Login Information
3. Student Government Section in Binder

Course Requirements: All members of the Student Government Class will be held to the highest standard; you are to be an example rather than the exception. There will be a variety of goals to accomplish during your time in this class. This course will focus on leadership style, group dynamics, event/project planning, school/community relations, problem solving, and time management.

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1. Time Management:

- a. Productive use of time will be essential to your success in class, being tardy and having unexcused absences is unacceptable.
- b. The entire class period should be used effectively as well as before and after school time for preparation of events, activities, or council projects.

2. Ability/Willingness to Learn:

- a. Everyone in Student Government will need to perform his/her duties as stated for their position in the Constitution.
- b. Duties, tasks, and events are student led; it is the responsibility of the students to complete all necessary elements.

3. Teamwork/ Cooperation

- a. Everyone's opinion is valuable to our discussions. However, negative comments, unconstructive criticism, or inappropriate behavior is not acceptable.
- b. It is important to work effectively with students, teachers, administrators, and community members.

4. Productivity:

- a. Student Body Officers and Class Council Officers are comprised of all different age groups and ability levels; you are expected to challenge your abilities and grow as a leader throughout your time in office.

- b. Each student is expected to be an active participant in class and with all of the events and activities put on by Student Government.

5. Responsibility:

- a. Everyone in Student Leadership will follow the rules of the student handbook and abide by the rules and decisions of the RHS administration.
- b. Keep a detailed digital folder with all required handouts, assignments, formal assessments, event packets, event planning materials, and informal notes.
- c. If you are suspended from school, or face any legal consequences for actions outside of school, you will be removed from the class, removed from office, and receive an F for the remainder of the semester

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Grading Policy:

Your grade will be based on completion of duties, tasks, events, formal assessments, attendance and overall involvement during and after class time. Your grade will be made up of both formal and informal assessments. Your final grade will be calculated on a traditional A-F scale. Every Semester there will be at least 30 tasks or events in addition to duties that will be graded. A grade based on participation, preparation, and project quality will be determined for each event or task completed. Attendance is crucial given that much of the work in leadership has deadlines that cannot be made up. Each semester you will receive a grade based on the criteria below. Though each semester will bring with it a new set of events and duties, you will always receive a grade based on the same criteria.

Grading Policy: Your grade will be based on completion of grade level projects, special council projects, a service log, event log, and general assignments. Points for their class participation and council projects will work on a quota system. Students will submit reflections once every two weeks explaining how many points they earned during that time and the work they did to earn up to 100 points.

Areas of Grading	Percentages
1. Class Participation	20%
2. Council Projects	20%
3. Service Log	20%
4. Event Log	20%
5. General Assignments	20%

Letter Grade Description & Percentage Breakdown

(The following is our current language in the course catalog)

Grade Percenta ge	Letter Grade	Description
100% - 90%	A	The student fully understands the content and the course objectives have been mastered.
89% - 80%	B	The student understands the content and course objectives at an above average level.

79% - 70%	C	The student understands the course content and course objectives at an average level.
69% - 60%	D	The student understands the course content at a below average level and a minimum of course objectives are met.
59% - 0%	F	The student has not met a sufficient number of course objectives to pass a minimum level and receives no credit.

Course Schedule:

This course is like no other and because of that fact the course schedule is very unique. Students will complete tasks centered around the yearly activities calendar. The course work for this class and assessments are designed around each of the events and activities put on by the Student Government Class. If you wish to see a complete list of Student Government events and activities, please log onto Reynolds High School website and access our online calendar. This calendar is subject to change and is updated quite frequently.

Self Reflection: Self reflections are due every two weeks. Students will log the work they completed during the given time-period to earn points for their class participation and council project grading categories.

Late Work

It is important to note that a number of in-class assignments and events cannot be replicated at a later time. Homecoming Week must go on without you if you are absent. Your grade is directly connected to your participation as stated above. Deadlines will be known in advance and must be completed on time. Written or formal assignments will not be accepted after one week and the most you can earn is 75%.

Service Log

Students will need to log 30 hours of service each hour. Service hours need to be for student leadership events. For example, volunteering to set up for an event, cleaning up an event, or helping at an event.

Event Log

Students will need to attend 5 school events a semester. Events can be ones that are organized by student government, athletic games (not one you are participating in), plays, concerts, etc. Ask Kasler if an event qualifies for your event log.

Homework

Homework will not always be given in the same way as a traditional class, but there will be plenty to do outside of class. Regardless of class time all duties and events will be fulfilled as stated in each previous section.

Code of Conduct

Students in Student Government are not to attend parties where minors are consuming alcohol or drugs. Additionally, members of Student Government are not to consume alcohol or illegal drugs. Violation of this code of conduct may result in removal from the class and elected/appointed position.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones need to be put away during class. If a student needs to use their phone for a class related project, they need to ask before doing so.

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I have read the above syllabus with my student and understand the requirements of the Student Government Course.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

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