2016-2017
Executive Student Council Officer Election Packet

Office for which I am running:

Executive (must presently be enrolled in leadership class during 2015-2016 school year)

___PRESIDENT

___VICE PRESIDENT

___TREASURER

___SECRETARY

___PARLIAMENTARIAN/HISTORIAN
ELECTION REGISTRATION
BIRDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

NAME: ________________________________ Student ID _________

PHONE: ________________________________ Class of: __________

EMAIL: _________________________________________________________________________________

REQUIREMENTS AFTER MAKING OFFICE:
Those elected to office will be expected to attend ALL Student Council meetings, functions, fundraisers, events. Excused
absences only if excused absence from school on the day of said meeting and notified sponsor in advance. No one else will
participate/attend if an event is not worthy of YOUR presence. Unexcused absences will be grounds for removal from office.

Candidate Initials ________  Parent Initials _________

I understand this position is for the term of one academic school year and I will commit to enrolling in the BHS Officer
Leadership Class. Failure to adhere to this stipulation will be grounds for removal from office.

Candidate Initials ________  Parent Initials _________

Student officers must attend the TASC District 3 Spring Convention (Feb/March 2017), and State Leadership Convention
(April 2017) and be available two weeks prior to school beginning for retreat and planning sessions.

Candidate Initials ________  Parent Initials _________

Those elected to office will be expected to maintain good communication with the Student Council Advisor(s). You will be
responsible for aiding the Advisor(s) and Council in all functions and activities. This includes heading committees, attending
any necessary meetings (in addition to executive committee meetings), and participating in events outside the school when
necessary.

Candidate Initials ________  Parent Initials _________

I understand that if I am elected as an officer, I am to act as a student leader and display the traits that exemplify the
standards expected of me as a student at Birdville High School. I further understand that if I violate the Student Council
Constitution and/or any rules of the district/school, I can be removed immediately from my office. I understand that grades,
citizenship, and behavior qualifications are required to be an officer.

Candidate Initials ________  Parent Initials _________

I have discussed my intentions of running for office with my parents, reviewed the constitution online, and we understand the
importance of the responsibility, time, and dedication expected of me.

Candidate Initials ________  Parent Initials _________

I HAVE READ, INITIALLED AND UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS OF A CLASS
OFFICER STATED ABOVE AND IN THE BHS CONSTITUTION AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL. FAILURE TO
ABIDE BY THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL WARRANT MY REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. I REALIZE THAT I AM
A LEADER AND THAT I MUST SHOW RESPONSIBILITY AND LEAD MY CLASS TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

STUDENT PRINTED NAME/SIGNATURE ___________________________________________ DATE ______

PARENT PRINTED NAME/SIGNATURE ___________________________________________ DATE ______

NAME: ___________________________________________ Class Of: __________
OFFICE FOR WHICH I AM RUNNING: (circle only one)
Please read the eligibility requirements and description of each position. Found in the constitution on the BHS Student Council website.

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
PARLIAMENTARIAN/HISTORIAN

List up to five (5) school or class-related service activities in which you have participated. These should NOT include sports or performing arts activities.

Brief Description & Total Hours                  Supervising Signature
1.___________________________________________________________   __________________
2. _________________________________________________________   __________________
3.  _________________________________________________________   __________________
4.  _________________________________________________________   __________________
5.  _________________________________________________________   __________________

Student Council Membership and Involvement (List dates of active membership and areas of participation)
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________________________
All candidates must submit a current copy of 2015-2016 report card grades and yearly attendance report.

To be completed by administration. Student should not fill out.

__________________________________________________
PRINTED APPLICANT NAME

Please have your Assistant Principal list any discipline referrals for the current year, with the dates and action taken in the space below.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:
- This student has NOT been suspended, found truant, or placed in DAEP during the current school year.
- This student has NOT had more than 1 referral during the current school year.
- This student has NOT been placed in ISS during this school year. If student has been in ISS, please list reason why.

________________________________________________________________________
Assistant Principal Signature

________________________________________________________________________

Please return to Mrs. Blankenship when completed.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION
IN STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES
2016-2017

This form will serve as a permission slip for any field trips, mentoring projects, or any other leadership activity your child will participate in this year. These activities and projects will occur during 5th period (11:05-12:53) and other times during the year, including some evenings and weekends. Travel will be to other Birdville ISD schools, area businesses, other Dallas-Ft. Worth area schools, and other locations sponsored by the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC). Out-of-town travel will always be on district-provided transportation.

I, ___________________________, agree to allow my child, __________________________, to
(Print parent/guardian’s name)       (Print student’s name)

travel in the following manner (check one):

___ My child may only travel on a school bus or other official vehicle driven by an employee of Birdville Independent School District.

___ My child may only drive himself/herself when participating in Student Council activities.

___ My child may drive himself/herself and/or ride in another vehicle driven by another specific student(s). List the specific name(s) here:
_________________________________________________________________________.

___ My child may drive himself/herself and/or ride in another vehicle driven by any other student in the Student Council Leadership Class and/or driven by the Student Council Advisor or other school official.

I also agree to assume any and all liability and hold the District, its Trustees, employees, and agents harmless from all claims or actions which I or my child ever had, now have, or may have in the future or any liability for injuries or damages which occur to my child or to me as a result of his or her participation in these student council activities. I expressly waive all claims for medical expenses, loss of services, or other claims to which I may otherwise be entitled and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Birdville Independent School District, its Trustees, employees, and agents from all claims made against it or them on behalf of my child. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Birdville Independent School District, its Trustees, employees, and agents from all claims made by third parties against it or them which result from my child’s actions during these activities.

I understand that the District, its Trustees, employees, and agents are not waiving any sovereign or governmental immunity which it or they have under Texas law.

I understand that normal disciplinary procedures will be followed from the time of departure from the school until the time of arrival back at school.

I have read and understood this release and sign it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

_______________________________    ____________________
Parent or Guardian’s Signature     Date
Campaign Regulations for Student Council:

All campaigning by candidates must be positive in nature. The materials must be positive in nature and promote good qualities of the candidate running. There will be no mud-slinging, name-calling, or tearing down of opponent’s posters...or you will not be allowed to run for office. All campaign materials must be removed by the end of school on the day on May 20th.

1. **Posters**
   
   One poster (standard size) is permitted to be displayed in the main hallway near the café. The poster must be approved before it can be hung. Bring your ideas to Mrs. Blankenship during 5th period. You may also email your designs to ann.blankenship@birdvilleschools.net. You may not hang posters until you have received approval.

2. **Flyers**
   
   Candidates may have flyer designs. Students should turn in one copy of the flyer design for approval. Once approved, students may make copies from the original to hang in the with the school approved tape (blue painter’s tape or clear packing tape). You are limited to 20 flyers and 100 small handouts (personally handed to students or teachers).

3. **Interviews**
   
   Interview times will be available when candidates turn in application to Mrs. Blankenship. You will have an opportunity to give a brief introduction, as well as answer questions concerning your character, leadership, and purpose in seeking the position. *Please come prepared, on time, and professionally dressed.* If you have any other questions concerning the interview, please contact Mrs. Blankenship.

*S Spending may not exceed $50.00 for campaign materials including: buttons, candy, gum. Please submit receipts to Mrs. Blankenship at your interview.

[The approval process for all poster, flyers, and use of other campaign materials will include the Election Committee. This committee is composed of current senior Student Council members and the Student Council Advisor. Any violations of these regulations will result in disqualification.]

The BHS Student Body Officer Elections will be determined using the following categories and percentages:

- 45%  **Student Body Vote**
- 15%  **Teacher Recommendation Forms**
- 20%  **Faculty and Staff Vote**
- 20%  **Interview Panel Rank**

**Completed packet is due in Room A302 by 3:00 on May 6th**

**No Exceptions!**
ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Dates to Remember:
   ✓ Campaign application, short answer responses, and ballot statement are due by 3:00 p.m. on May 6th.
   ✓ Interviews will be assigned between the dates of May 16th-19th.
   ✓ Campaigning may begin on May 9th. Candidates must follow all campaign guidelines.
   ✓ Teacher recommendation forms must be completed and returned to Mrs. Blankenship by Friday, May 13th (teachers will turn in).
   ✓ Voting will begin during lunches on May 16th and run through the end lunches on May 18th.
   ✓ All campaign material must be removed by 3:45pm on May 19th.

2. Voting will be done electronically. Students are allowed to vote only once for each officer position.

3. Each of your current teachers should submit teacher recommendations for you. You must print a form for each of your teachers to fill out and the teachers will deliver the forms to Mrs. Blankenship. You should not ask for the form back.

BALLOT STATEMENT:
A candidate ballot statement that explains who you are to the teachers and peers who are unfamiliar with you. The statement must be 50 words or less and contain nothing inappropriate for distribution. A written or typed statement must be submitted with your election packet. This will be available during voting for students and teachers to learn more about you. DUE BY 3:00 p.m. on May 6th.

SHORT ANSWERS:
Please type and print your responses to each of the following short answer questions and submit them with your completed packet by 3:00 p.m. on May 6th.

1. Why do you feel the position you have selected is the best position for you and our school?
2. What is the greatest impact you have made on Birdville this year?
3. Describe why the following are important quotes for young leaders to remember.
   a. “Great leaders don’t set out to be a leader…They set out to make a difference. It’s never about the role-always about the goal.”
   b. "I can give you a six-word formula for success: Think things through--then follow through."
4. What goals would you have for the upcoming school year?