

SCA 2010/2011

New Guidelines and Position Statement

The student council will consist of a delegation of officers and grade level representatives. Its purpose is to promote leadership, school spirit, the democratic process, and positive community and school relations.

The student council officers and representatives are expected to be leaders of the school and behavior should reflect the importance of the office.

1. The purpose of the student council is to provide for the constructive expression of student opinion, promote student leadership and school spirit, provide opportunity for students to participate in a democratic process between faculty and students, and promote community involvement.
2. All the power of the student council is delegated to it by the administration of the school. Administration has the right of veto over any measure purposed the student council, the student council president, vice president, secretary, sergeant at arms, or the representatives.
3. Student representatives must report back to their respective class any old or new business discussed at the monthly meetings, as well as advocate and promote the activities of the student council.
4. All members will have full voting privileges and responsibilities as detailed below.
5. The election for officers will be held in September of each year.

SCA Positions and Their Duties

President

- Will preside over SCA meetings
- Will create a meeting agenda w/ advisor before each meeting
- Will oversee other council members to ensure that all details are assigned and taken care of

Vice President

- Will attend all council meetings
- Will preside over meetings when president is absent

Secretary

- Will keep minutes of each council meeting
- Will type and distribute minutes of each meeting to all council members, council advisor(s), and principal

Sergeant at Arms

- Will call and maintain order at all council meetings
- Will be sure all council members are aware of meeting time and location
- Will inform council members of canceled meetings and ensure that meetings are rescheduled
- Will ensure that all council members have agendas and call for additions

Class Representatives

- Will attend all council meetings
- Will collect ideas from classmates and discuss at council meetings
- Will report back to respective class
- Will maintain a suggest box in each class room

SCA officers will meet the following criteria:

1. Keep the same timetable and format for elections with the following rules for officers.
 - a. Candidates for president from eighth grade only.
 - b. Candidates for vice president seventh grade only
 - c. Candidates for secretary sixth grade only
 - d. Candidates for sergeant at arms any grade.
 - e. Students must commit to attending all meetings unless student is ill, has a dental/doctor appointment – excuse/note needed.
 - f. Missing three meetings will result in dismissal from SCA.
 - g. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to participate.

Several of these rules help to instill leadership qualities in those students who participate. (I have decided to do away with the treasury positions since I usually have to count money immediately when we have sales, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ s, etc.)

2. To allow for more student involvement and to help with planning and implementation of activities, a class representative will be chosen from each 7th period class.
 - a. Class reps will be chosen from and by their seventh period class. We have a little extra time at this point in our day to allow for a 5 to 10 minute monthly report about activities and events happening at the school, and to solicit ideas/concerns from students. Maybe this could take place instead of Northview News on the third Wednesday of the month so that the information from the SCA monthly meeting is fresh in the class representative's mind.
 - b. Class reps. would meet along with the officers to discuss any activities, business, issues, etc. at the regular monthly meeting. We could also have an advisor / SCA lunch with the reps and officers during a predetermined date. Class advisors (teachers) are welcome to come to after school meetings, but would not necessarily have to attend as long as notes and feedback are sent to me to distribute at the next after school meeting.
3. The SCA president will sit in on appropriate SIT meetings. This gives the student an opportunity to understand how a school operates, to develop leadership skills, and offer feedback on appropriate issues. This could be for a part of a meeting, or by invitation when appropriate.
4. Meetings will be held once a month after school at 2:30 on the third Tuesday of the month starting in September. These will be posted on the school calendar and announced through the TV system and daily announcements. Students will also be given these dates as part of their permission slip to be signed by parents when running for office.
5. SCA will sponsor the following activities:
 - a. United Way of Catawba Valley – Guess the Number of Lollipops - September
 - b. Catawba County Humane Society – Dog Food/Cat food or toy donations – December
 - c. Valentine's Day Carnation/Card Sale – February
 - d. Black History month door decorating contest (7th period class)- February
 - e. Pennies for Peace – April
 - f. Help with Hawkfest planning, set-up with PTA – May or sponsor 8th Grade only farewell dance
 - g. ½ and ½ raffles at football and basketball home games to earn enough money to join the North Carolina Student Council Association as well as participate in their workshops and activities.