

Student Government Association (SGA) Application

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Introduction:

The CSRMS SGA provides a unique opportunity for students to serve as effective leaders and role models for all stakeholders. SGA is an organization which focuses on creating a positive school environment, where leadership, service and spirit are valued.

Goals of CSRMS SGA:

- To help students develop leadership skills
- To function as a service organization to the students of CSRMS and the community

SGA Elected Positions:

The CSRMS SGA will be comprised of the following positions for each grade level (6, 7, & 8):

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Qualifications:

- A. All officers must be in good academic standing with a clean behavioral record
 - a. Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA ("B" average)
- B. Candidates must be available to attend regularly scheduled meetings
- C. Completed SGA application forms, including parent permission form, must be turned in by the date listed below

APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

Any late or incomplete applications will not be accepted, no excuses. Elections will take place online via Microsoft Forms on Tuesday, May 19th.

If you have any questions concerning SGA, contact Mr. E.J. Doychak at edoychak@pasco.k12.fl.us.

SGA Officer Roles and Responsibilities:

President:

- Chair all SGA meetings
- Meet with the advisor to plan before all meetings
- With the assistance of the advisor, plan and implement school events
- Communicate with administration and represent the student body at School Advisory Council meetings
- Perform any other duties devolving from the office

Vice-President:

- Assume the duties and responsibilities of the president when he/she is unable to do so
- Aid the present in fulfilling his/her duties and responsibilities
- Perform any other duties devolving from the office

Secretary:

- Record all meeting minutes and provide typed copies to the advisor and fellow officers
- Maintain the SGA calendar
- Perform any other duties devolving from the office

Treasurer:

- Maintain all financial records of the CSRMS SGA
- Help plan and budget for any proposed projects, activities, and events
- Perform any other duties devolving from the office

Campaigning Guidelines for All Candidates

1. All campaigns will take place using various social media accounts.
2. No negative (slam) campaigning allowed. This includes any verbal or written communication of any kind. All slogans must be positive and clean. **All campaign material must receive an approval from the SGA advisor prior to being posted.**
 - a. *If unapproved campaign posts are discovered, the candidate will be removed from the election.*
3. Campaigning may take place only after complete applications have been turned in.
4. You must campaign even if you are running unopposed.

Helpful Hints:

- Create a memorable and catchy slogan so voters remember your name
- Don't be afraid to talk to your classmates and inform them you are running for SGA
- Be creative and have fun!

Any other questions can be directed towards the advisor, Mr. Doychak.

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Name:	
Grade:	
Student Number:	
Home/Cell Phone:	
Desired Position:	
Biography: (Provide background information about yourself)	
List your experiences that have prepared you for your leadership role:	
List three (3) realistic goals that you have if you are elected to your desired position:	

I, _____ a candidate for the office of _____ understand and accept the campaign guidelines, as stated on the attached document. I understand that if I do not follow them, I risk the forfeiture of my candidacy.

Candidate's Signature (typed)

Date

To the Parents/Guardians of prospective CSRMS Student Government Candidates,

Your student has expressed his/her interest in running for a position in the CSRMS SGA. As the SGA advisor, I feel it is vital that you be aware of the commitment your child will be accepting if he/she is elected to their desired position. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings and various school events, your child must maintain a good academic ("B" average), extracurricular, and behavioral standing to remain in the Student Government Association.

Please be aware that, at times, meetings or other responsibilities may take place after school. In this event, students and parents must understand that transportation remains the responsibility of the student. As officers, these students are held to, and expected to maintain, high standards of leadership, maturity, and excellence. It is a large commitment of both time and energy. We ask that, if elected, your child's position in SGA become a priority in their extracurricular tasks, and we ask for your support in encouraging them to recognize the importance of these offices.

If you or your child have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at the school (727) 753-9199 or by email (edoychak@pasco.k12.fl.us).

Respectfully,

Mr. E.J. Doychak, SGA Advisor

I have read the above letter and discussed the responsibilities and commitment of the elected offices with my child. I understand the time commitment and expectations of holding an SGA office, and will do my best to support my child and the school in handling the tasks and responsibilities of the SGA.

Parent Signature (typed)

Date

Parent Email

Phone Number