

Half Hollow Hills PTA Council Legislation Committee 2022-2023

Thank you for your interest in joining the PTSA Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee provides students with a unique opportunity to gain a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding school/community issues and the legislative process. The committee is a working committee where each student is an active participant. The committee's success depends on student involvement and commitment to various events and discussions. Below are some examples of events and activities the committee has taken part in over the years.

1. *Meet the Candidate Night*- An evening that our local political candidates gather and address questions from the community on their stance on issues.
2. *Lobbying in Albany*- Student/parent committee members, as well as school district representatives on the committee, travel to Albany to meet with New York State elected officials to advocate for our students and community.
3. *Legislative Brunch*- We invite our local elected leaders to meet and discuss concerns our committee members may have. Student members have the opportunity to advocate for their community and peers in a small setting, engage our leaders and understand the legislative process.
4. *Local Field Trip*-Students have attended Suffolk County Legislative sessions, Mock Legislative sessions, and Town of Huntington Board meetings to experience our local government at work.
5. *Guest Speakers*- Government representatives have been guest speakers at our committee meetings.

We have planned to return to a full schedule of events and activities (as listed above) including our monthly meetings during school hours.

We strongly urge all interested students to apply. Attached please find the application and student contract. We ask that you make sure that you will be able to fulfill the requirements on the student contract prior to submitting. The application deadline is **Friday, September 9, 2022**.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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PTA LEGISLATION COMMITTEE CONTRACT STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are required to attend monthly meetings that are held during scheduled class time. Meeting location with alternate monthly between both high schools. All work missed in classes as a result of the meetings must be completed.

Students are required to arrive at the meetings on the school bus provided. It is unacceptable for a student to walk or drive to any meeting at the alternate high school.

Students are required to be dressed appropriately for all meetings and conduct themselves in a professional manner. We never know when we may host a special guest at any given meeting. Students must be respectful of all committee members and not be disruptive or speak at inappropriate times. Everyone will be encouraged to become PTSA members, as they are active participants on this committee.

If a student can't attend a meeting or any of the events due to extenuating circumstances, he/she must telephone one of the committee chairpersons before being absent. Students are also required to respond to all emails/reminds sent out from the committee chairs.

Students are required to publicize and distribute notices for Meet the Candidate Night in assigned locations. Every member of the committee must actively participate in this event by attending the event with an adult and greeting the Candidates and community members.

Students are required to attend the Legislative Brunch and actively participate in conversations with elected officials.

Students are required to attend a full day trip to Albany and actively participate in advocating for our district and community.

If a trip is scheduled in the spring, only those students meeting the listed requirements shall be eligible to attend.

Students that have three absences of any kind are subject to removal from the committee.

I, _____, agree to follow the above rules in order to remain a member of the HHH PTA Legislation Committee.

Student Signature

Date

I, _____, understand that my child must follow the above rules in order to remain a member of the HHH PTA Legislation Committee.

Parent Signature

Date

Half Hollow Hills PTA
Legislation Committee Application

Please complete entire form. The Application submission deadline is September 9, 2022. Please add pages or any information you think is important to help us learn more about you.

Name: Last _____ First _____

High School: East _____ West _____ Grade _____

Contact Info: Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Email address _____

1. Why are you interested in joining this committee?

2. What do you think you will contribute to the committee?

3. Briefly discuss any issues of interest regarding the legislative process, government, or local issues.

All applications and student contracts should be placed in a sealed envelope and given to Mrs. Lippert at HSW or Mr. Perskin at HSE. They can also be forwarded to: HHH PTA Council Recording Secretary, Fran Greenspan Center, 525 Half Hollow Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746.

Must be received by September 9, 2022