



September 7, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student Council Member:

Welcome to the exciting opportunity to serve the school through leadership in the 2023-2024 Student Council!

Our mission is to develop leadership abilities in students, promote democracy as a way of life, uphold the integrity of Berry Miller Junior High by planning and hosting various fundraisers to benefit the school and the community at large.

Much of the “fun stuff” at school will come from the Student Council. A sense of pride and school spirit is promoted through the Student Council and activities we sponsor. In addition to our own activities, Student Council members are asked to enthusiastically support school programs and get involved. **Members must attend a minimum of one project/event per semester at which they help with both set up and clean up.** Parent donations of time, goods, or financial support are always accepted and very appreciated!

Some activities this year may include:

- Campus/neighborhood clean-up
- Fundraiser/supply drive for local shelters
- Unique fundraisers/events for lesser-known organizations benefiting local communities
- Social events (such as dances)
- Community-building events/activities during school hours

Attached you will find a description of the Code of Conduct for members of the Student Council. Please read through these and discuss them together, then sign and return it to Mrs. Boynton by Friday, September 15th. (If you applied for an officer position, you have already completed this form and do **not** need to sign it again.)

Our first general meeting* will be September 26 @ 8:00 AM in Mrs. Boynton’s room. Attendance is mandatory!

Welcome to Student Council and get ready for a fun year!

Sincerely,

Brittany Boynton

boyntonb@pearlandisd.org

If you are **elected as an officer, your first meeting will be Tuesday, September 19 @ 8:00 AM in Mrs. Boynton’s room.*

STUDENT COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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Behaviors/incidents resulting in immediate dismissal are noted below.

- 1) **NO ISS.** First offense is a warning. *Second offense will result in immediate removal.*
- 2) **NO INSUBORDINATION** towards the advisor, teachers, and other administrators.
- 3) **NO LEVEL 3 DISCIPLINE OFFENSE (SMOKING, DRINKING, DRUGS, OR WEAPONS) – immediate dismissal**
- 4) **NO REPEATED DETENTION ASSIGNMENT.** More than two times in a nine-week period will result in a warning; next detention assignment may result in removal from the council.
- 5) **NO OSS OR EMERGENCY REMOVAL.** *Immediate dismissal from the council.*
- 6) **NO FIGHTING OR BULLYING.**
- 7) **MAINTAIN PASSING GRADES.** Student Council is an extracurricular activity that meets before school during tutoring hours. Receiving a failing grade on a UIL report card or progress report may result in dismissal from the council.
- 8) **FULFILL ALL OBLIGATIONS** set by the officers/advisor, including projects, workshops, and related responsibilities.
- 9) **ATTEND ALL MEETINGS** unless preauthorized by the advisor or in the event of an emergency.
- 10) **ALL STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST FOLLOW THE PISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT.**

I have read and understand that Student Council students are to adhere to the code of conduct listed above and realize that a violation could result in removal from Student Council. All final decisions are based on the student advisor's discretion.

Parent Signature

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