

# Tom Daniels Elementary School Student Council Election Process 2025-2026

**PERMISSION SLIP/QUESTIONNAIRE:** Each candidate needs to submit to Mrs. Marks by Friday, August 29 at 3:00 p.m.

**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM:** Each candidate needs to give their form to a teacher (one of their teachers from last year preferably) by Wednesday, August 27.

**POSTERS:** Please submit ONE poster to Mrs. Marks (room 201) by Tuesday, September 2.

- The poster should include the student's NAME and GRADE, and SLOGAN telling why you should be elected to Student Council.
- Slogans must reflect good character and be age appropriate.
- Posters must be made on **regular paper poster board (no foam poster boards please)** and **be able to be stapled to the wall.**
- Posters should be **made BY THE STUDENT** with little assistance by the parents.
- **No additional campaign strategies will be allowed**, including candy, pins, cards, etc.

**SPEECHES:** Each candidate will prepare a **1-2 minute speech** in the DES Cafeteria.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade speeches will be presented on Monday, September 8 at 8:00 am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade speeches will be presented on Monday, September 8 at 9:00 am
- Students need to practice getting up in front of an audience and reciting their speech.
- Students may use index cards/notes to read from when giving their speech.
- Parents may attend.

**VOTING:** Monday, September 8 upon returning to class

- Voting will be held in homeroom classes after all speeches are given.
- **Candidates will be given the results in a letter by the end of the day Friday, September 12 – students should NOT open that letter until they are off campus.**
- Results will be announced to the student body on Monday, September 15

**If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Marks at [iris.marks@kerrvilleisd.net](mailto:iris.marks@kerrvilleisd.net).**



Tom Daniels Elementary School  
Student Council  
Permission Slip  
2025-2026

Dear Parent(s),

Your student has expressed an interest in being part of the Tom Daniels Student Council. This leadership group provides a student service program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, which will give them avenues to demonstrate student leadership, caring, school-community service, and character development.

Attached is the Student Council's constitution. This will provide you with the rules, procedures, and expectations that govern our organization. We sincerely hope that these criteria will help you to understand the upcoming implementation of this program. Please go over this constitution with your student before signing the permission slip.

Dear Student,

You must hand in your permission slip/questionnaire by **Friday, August 29.** You must give your Teacher recommendation form to a teacher by **Wednesday, August 27.**

If elected, I \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Student Council Constitution and agree to attend council meetings, participate in council activities, and be a positive representative of Tally Elementary School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homeroom Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, if elected, has my permission to be a part of the Tally Elementary Student Council.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on attending the Student Council Speeches  
\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES

**if yes**, how many will be coming \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why you feel you would be a good Student Council member.

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Name something you would like to do to improve our school or community this year.

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What is one way that you have shown leadership at your school in the past year? Be specific about what you did.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students:**

Please pick one Daniels teacher that knows you well and is willing to fill out this recommendation form (preferably a teacher from last year). **Give this form to a teacher by Wednesday, August 27,** to allow them time to return it to Mrs. Marks.

**Teacher:**

***Thank you for your help in the application process for this year's student council.***

Teachers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the most appropriate response:

I have observed this student working with focus and a positive attitude.

Never

Sometimes

Always

I have observed this student being an excellent example of good character.

Never

Sometimes

Always

I have observed this student show perseverance in the face of challenges.

Never

Sometimes

Always

I have observed this student show commitment, dedication, and their best effort in the classroom.

Never

Sometimes

Always

Comments:

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Constitution

## Tom Daniels Elementary School Student Council

### I. Name:

The name of the organization shall be The Tom Daniels Elementary Student Council.

### Purpose:

The purpose of The Tom Daniels Elementary Student Council is to promote positive student pride in our school, act as ambassadors, and help develop ideas and programs that make Tom Daniels Elementary a great place to be a student. The council is a student enrichment program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders that provides opportunities for student leadership, school and community service, character development and extended individual learning.

### II. Membership:

There will be 20 members on the Student Council consisting of **twelve fifth graders and eight fourth graders**. Each homeroom class will be sure to have at least one representative. All officers will be fifth graders. The president will be a returning student council member in good standing with the most overall votes by all fifth graders starting in the 2026-2027 school year.

### III. Qualifications:

Fourth and fifth grade students will be chosen from candidates, who turn in a teacher recommendation form, make a poster, give speeches and are elected by their classmates. There will be at least one representative from each of the classes in the grade level. Student participation is contingent upon consistent academic progress and exemplary behavior.

The expectations of members throughout the year will be:

1. Maintain a grade of B **(80) or better** in EACH academic course.
2. Maintain a satisfactory conduct grade in **all** areas.
3. Demonstrate "Capturing Kids' Hearts" behavior at all times in representation of Tom Daniels Elementary School.
4. Be able to attend **Council meetings after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** on the listed dates and wear their student council T-shirt.
5. Be available to participate in school service projects.

### IV. Officers:

Fifth grade Student Council members will have the option to run for:

- 1) Vice President
- 2) Secretary
- 3) Treasurer
- 4) Public Relations

Voting for officers will be within the Student Council at the first meeting.

V. Elections:

Guidelines will be as follows:

- 1) Candidates will be allowed one poster that includes the student's NAME, GRADE, and SLOGAN telling why you should be elected to student council.
- 2) Slogans must reflect good character and be age appropriate.
- 3) Posters MUST be made on **regular paper poster board** and be able to be stapled to the wall **\*\*Please do NOT use FOAM poster boards\*\***
- 4) Posters MUST be made by the student with little assistance from the parents.
- 5) NO ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES WILL BE ALLOWED, SUCH AS PINS, CANDY, CARDS ETC.
- 6) Each candidate will prepare a 2-minute (or less) speech with little assistance from the parents. Students need to practice getting up in front of an audience and reciting their speech.

Voting will be held in homeroom classes after the speeches.

VI. Activities:

Student Council members will be asked to participate in leadership roles with the school. Various roles include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Assisting with morning announcements.
- 2) Serving as a host or greeter to visitors when needed.
- 3) Helping with 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.
- 4) Showing new students or guests around the school.
- 5) Helping with Special Events like Field Day or PBIS Carnival
- 6) Working on service projects.
- 7) Collecting money for fundraisers.

Current Tom Daniels Elementary Student Council projects may include but are not limited to: Red Ribbon Week activities, Food Collection, Christmas and Valentine's fundraisers, PAWS for a Cause, Assisting our military and/or the patients at the VA Hospital.

IX. Dismissal from Student Council:

If a student fails to maintain a **minimum grade of B (80) in ALL academic subjects** or **all "S's"** at the end of a six weeks, he or she will be given a **three (3) week probationary period** in which to bring grades and /or conduct up.

During this probationary period, the student will not be allowed to attend council meetings or any activities outside of meetings.

If a student is not meeting this standard by the following progress report, he or she will be asked to no longer participate in the Student Council.

A student will be allowed only one (1) probationary period. Should his/her academic and/or conduct grades necessitate a second period of probation, this student will no longer be a member of the Tom Daniels Elementary School Student Council.

A student will be **dismissed** from the council if he or she **misses more than three (3) scheduled council meetings with unexcused absences**. An absence is excused if the student is unable to attend school on meeting day; unexcused if the student attends school but neglected to attend the council meeting. Arriving 15 minutes or more after the start of a meeting will count as a tardy. Two (2) tardies will equal one (1) unexcused absence.

A student council officer will be asked to step down from his or her office after the second unexcused absence. In such case, the vice president will step into the president's position and the first runner-up will become vice president. Secretary, treasurer, and historian will be replaced by the first runner-up for that position.

Students will automatically be removed from Student Council if he or she is:

- 1) Suspended from school due to behavioral issues.
- 2) Is assigned ISS more than one time.