

Byers High School – Fall Class Elections
Campaigning Rules: 2017

1. Students must announce their bid for elections by turning in an [Election Application](#) comprising of the following components:
 - Declaration for what position you will be running
 - A paragraph stating why you want to be part of student government
 - A paragraph stating why you believe you're the right person for the role for which you will be campaigning
 - Signatures supporting your campaign
 - i. 10 signatures (one must be an adult signature) for Advisory Representatives
 - ii. 30 signatures (3 must be adult signatures) for Class Office Positions

Election Applications are due to Ms. Couture's mailbox by Wednesday, 9/13 by 2:15pm.

2. You are only allowed to campaign on campus during the week of elections on the following days: (September 14th – 19th). All campaigning signs must be removed by 3:00pm on Thursday afternoon on 9/21 to close out elections. Online Campaigning, including but not limited to the creation of Facebook Groups and Events; YouTube videos; or other online media may happen within the same window of time.
3. If you are running for Class Office Positions, you will need to prepare either a 2 minute MAXIMUM speech or video that will be presented to the student body on Tuesday, 9/19 during Morning Meeting. The speech or video content must be submitted to Ms. Couture's email by 8:00am on Monday, 9/18 to be approved for Morning Meeting. It's imperative that there are no negative comments about other candidates in speeches.
4. **ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE CAMPAIGNING:** Advisory representative candidates are encouraged to campaign person to person. No Signs/ Posters or other handouts for this position are needed or allowed. Advisory reps nominees will be required to prepare a statement as to why they would like to take on the role for their advisory. They will share their brief, minute long statement on 9/15 during Afternoon Advisory only to their advisory.
5. Students may use posters to promote their campaign. Students may print posters outside of school which will need to be considered for the \$35 budget, or the school will provide the following:
 - 30 8.5 x 11 printed posters
 - 10 11x17 printed posters

Students must send these documents to Ms. Manning for printing and need to expect a 24 hour turnaround time. Posters must be picked up by the student in the Operations Office by Ms. Crespo's desk. All other posters must be provided and paid for by the student, with receipts being saved. Students are highly encouraged to use the hallway tack board to hang posters. The maximum poster size is 11x17 for Prep Academy Elections.

6. Nothing may be posted on the walls of the campus UNLESS the specifically allowed DORM TAPE is used. All approved campaigners will be allotted one role of dorm tape to use to hang posters, and will be given such by Ms. Couture. Students can ask teachers clarifying questions.

7. You may carry a sign on a stick that is no larger than 24" x 24" wide as part of your campaign. This can only happen during times outside or during lunch, but not during passing periods.
8. Ms. Couture is the judge of what can and cannot be used. Everything you make and distribute **MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE USE, DISPLAY OR DUPLICATION**. A list of pre-approved handouts is below – if you wish to use an item that is not on the list you need to clear it with Ms. Couture via email by the Thursday (9/14) of Elections Week. Use of handouts that are not on the list below and have not been pre-approved by Ms. Couture will result in immediate disqualification:
 - Leis
 - Necklaces
 - Bracelets
 - Pencils
 - Sunglasses
 - Hair Ties
 - Fake Flowers
 - Buttons
9. Candidates shall not put down any other candidate. Candidates shall not use obscene, racist, or any other offensive materials on posters, flyers, signs or any other campaign materials (this includes any and all online campaigning). The values must be kept at the forefront of all election actions.
10. Candidates are not allowed to have running mates.
11. Candidates may not use any type of amplified sound system as part of their personal campaign.
12. Campaign Spending: Class Officer Candidates may spend no more than \$35.00 on campaigning supplies and handouts (including signs, posters, self-decorating, and shirts/decorations for supporters). Any overspending will result in disqualification. Candidates are expected to keep all receipts of money spent, and will need to supply them to Ms. Couture should there be concern of overspending. The cost of items used for campaign that were already owned must also be factored into the candidate's \$35.00 total spending.
13. The following are prohibited and will result in disqualification from the election:
 - Food or candy handouts of any kind
 - Confetti or Flyers
 - Anything with adhesive (with the exception of use of dorm tape or Post-It notes)
14. Use of unapproved promotional formats will result in immediate disqualification.
15. Elections will take place during the day from 7:00am - 7:00pm on September 20th. We will use TallySpace.com for our elections. The candidate with the most votes will be the winner – there will be no run-off elections.
16. On Wednesday after elections, you must clean up all of your campaign materials - flyers, signs, handouts, etc. The campus must be cleaned before election results are announced. Provided that the campus is cleaned to the approval of the DustForce and Ms. Couture, results will be shared in an email and posted in the High School commons on Thursday, September 21st.

To view a full listing of the positions open for the 2017-18 Elections, visit [HERE](#).