



## **Student Council Application Overland High School 2018-2019**

### **Why should you apply to be a part of Student Council?**

Do you want to be an integral part of planning events like Homecoming and Wish Week? Do you want to uncover more about yourself as a leader and learn valuable leadership skills? Do you want to improve your communication skills and participate in important building wide decision-making? Are you interested in building school spirit throughout the school and community? Do you want to be a part of a fun community, make friends, and build bonds between committed and hard-working Blazers like yourself?

**Please fill out the attached application, sign all agreements and contracts, and attach a current grade print out. All completed steps are due to the Activities Office by 3:00 pm on Friday, March 9, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Huddleston at 720-747-3678 or [lhuddleston@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:lhuddleston@cherrycreekschools.org) or Ms. Schreiber 720-747-3647 or [sschreiber9@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:sschreiber9@cherrycreekschools.org).**

### **Candidate Checklist – Please ensure all items are completed**

- Student Council application completely filled out
- Contract signed by student and parent
- District participation signed by student and parent
- Participation waiver signed by students and parent
- Attached current grades (PowerSchool printout)
- 3 teacher recommendations completed via the online Google form (at least two must be core class teachers... the 3<sup>rd</sup> can be an adviser, coach, elective teacher, etc.)

*“There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you are interested in doing something, you do it only when it is convenient. When you are committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results.”*  
*–Ken Blanchard*



The make-up of student council will include the following: a student body council comprised of senior council members who will act as a standing committee chairpersons and a student council that will work with them. The student body council will be directly responsible for the actions of the committee and will answer directly to the advisor. The student council will, in conjunction with the chair, carry out the duties of the committee on a daily basis. The student body council will be the appointed with a combination of teacher recommendations and an interview process that includes an interview with administration and advisors. The student council will be appointed with a combination of a student body vote, interview process, and teacher recommendations. Our ultimate goal is to create a council that accurately represents the Overland High School Student Body they will serve. If you are appointed to a position, please understand that Student Council will require a significant commitment. This time commitment includes time during the summer, after school, and on weekends. Please also understand a commitment to student council may require a change in schedule for this elective class.

The Student Council is first and foremost a class. Though appointed students are responsible for planning events and fostering school spirit, much of what student council is about is looking within and learning leadership skills. The class is designed to develop personal leadership skills and an understanding of group dynamics. It seeks to foster in students a better understanding of themselves and their capacity for leadership; to create an understanding of the importance of leadership in a democratic society; and to prepare students to assume leadership roles in the school and community.

In addition the student council is responsible for supporting school activities and events such as athletics, performing arts, and other clubs' activities. The council also plans many school wide activities throughout the year including: Spirit Weeks, Pep Assemblies, Homecoming Week, Wish Week, Community Service, Mr. Overland, and the Talent Show.

As appointed student body leaders, each member of Student Council is to set an appropriate example for others at all times (both in and out of the classroom). You will be required to promote school spirit and pride, attend all Student Council activities, cooperate with others, be positive, and be willing to go the extra mile. Students will be placed on probation for the following reasons: Un-weighted, cumulative grade point average below 2.0, violation of the district participation agreement, or inappropriate use of social media.

Student Council is a fun, energetic and active class; and we are very excited that you want to be a part of it. Please realize that this is not your average class and by no means is it to be considered an "easy A class". Student Leaders have high expectations, which each member is held accountable for both inside and outside of class.



## Student Council Expectations

I agree to conduct myself in a way that evokes respect from my teachers, other school personnel, peers, and the community both during and outside of school.

I understand that members must have and maintain a record of good citizenship throughout the entire term of office which includes attending and being on time to all classes on a regular basis.

I understand this position is for the term of one academic school year and commit to enrolling in the Leadership Class for both semesters.

I understand that Leadership class will have an academic component which will require students to keep a notebook and complete in and out of class assignments, projects and presentations which will be evaluated.

I understand that I must currently have and maintain a cumulative un-weighted 2.0 GPA.

I understand that while social media has a large impact on advertising and the success of events, I am solely responsible for what is posted to my social media cite. I realize that it may be monitored and there may be consequences for postings that do not reflect myself, my organization, or my school in the best possible light.

**SENIOR CLASS:** you will have the responsibility of planning all senior events including Senior Sunrise, Senior Sunset, t-shirt orders, senior slide show, etc.

**JUNIOR CLASS:** you will have the responsibility of planning Prom and fundraising for Prom. You will be expected to work concessions at all home football games.

I understand that these are the expectations of Student Council and if I am unable to abide by the above agreements, I may be put on probationary status.

I understand that student leadership **REQUIRES** after school, evening and weekend attendance.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby accept the responsibility of becoming an official  
(candidate name)

representative of Overland High School and will act accordingly.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the above agreements. I also  
(parent/guardian name)

understand that the Leadership class **REQUIRES** after school, evening and weekend attendance throughout the school year and give approval for my son/daughter to apply for this class.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Parents if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact Student Council Sponsors- information on front of packet)

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# HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORED ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

In exchange for the opportunity to participate in the Cherry Creek School District No. 5's High School Sponsored Athletics and Activities Programs, (referred to as —HSAAP) and in accordance with applicable Board of Education Policies, I understand and agree to the following:

## Scope of Rules

From the day a student first participates in a Cherry Creek School District HSAAP until that student graduates from high school, these rules remain in effect, throughout the school year, including weekends, vacations, and holidays, and regardless if the student is on or off school district property.

The consequences outlined in this Agreement are in addition to, not instead of, those the student may receive under the district's *Student Conduct and Discipline, Rights and Responsibilities* handbook, the Colorado High School Activities Association (—CHSAA) By-laws, coaches' team rules, or other sources. They represent minimum sanctions; the Principal or his/her designee may increase or modify these consequences in particular cases or in general as he or she deems appropriate.

Because students who participate in HSAAP are held to higher behavioral expectations, the principal or his/her designee may determine that a student's conduct constitutes grounds for imposing an HSAAP penalty under these rules, even when that conduct does not result in suspension or expulsion under the conduct and discipline code.

## General Expectations

- Students participating in district HSAAP are expected to comply with all applicable Cherry Creek School District No. 5 Board of Education Policies, including but not limited to Policy JJI, *Interscholastic Athletics*, and its accompanying Regulation JJI-R.
- Students participating in district HSAAP are considered to be representatives of himself/herself, fellow team members, coaches, sponsors, teachers, the school, its student body, and the Cherry Creek School District. For these reasons, the participating student is expected to display the highest form of character, behavior and sportsmanship. If at any time, a student's actions bring harm or discredit to the organization of which the student is a member or to the school, the student may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or removal from the HSAAP.
- Students participating in district HSAAP are expected to maintain appropriate academic eligibility as described below.

## Academic Expectations

- Eligibility for participation in athletics and specific activities as determined by CHSAA guidelines, the Centennial League, and applicable district policies.
- In accordance with Policy JJI, *Interscholastic Athletics*, a student is ineligible for most of the following quarter if h/she has failed more than one subject the semester preceding the season of competition.
- If the student is failing more than one course weekly, he/she will be ineligible for competition/participation through the following week.
- Each participating student must be enrolled in a minimum of five hours of credit (2.5 Carnegie Units or equivalent) per semester. If not, the student is immediately ineligible to participate in the athletic/activity program.

## Behavior Expectations

- Students participating in district HSAAP agree to maintain an appearance and exhibit conduct in the classroom, school and community which is appropriate at all times.
- Students participating in district HSAAP agree not to violate district conduct and discipline policies, including but not limited to, district drug/alcohol/tobacco and weapons policies.
- Students participating in district HSAAP agree not to engage in behavior which is detrimental to the safety, welfare or morals of said athlete, other students or school personnel.

## Consequences

The following minimum consequences will result whenever the principal or his/her designee concludes that a student has engaged in a violation of school board policy or expectation under this agreement:

- A. Referral to the appropriate coach or sponsor for disciplinary review and action.
- B. Placement on probation for a number of days and/or upon such conditions as deemed appropriate.
- C. Suspension from participation in a specific number of athletic or activity events. Such sanctions may include but not be limited to:
  - **First Offense:** For Athletics/Activities with 11 or fewer regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next contest/event; for those with more than 11 regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next two contests/events. These suspensions will be imposed whether or not the next contest/event is regular season or outside the regular season.
  - **Second Offense:** For Athletics/Activities with 11 or fewer regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next two contests/events; for those with more than 11 regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next four contests/events. These suspensions will be imposed whether or not the next contest/event is regular season or outside the regular season.
  - **Third Offense and/or continuing offenses:** Additional sanctions which could include some or all of the following: suspension from all HSAAP for one full year from the date of infraction; denial of the opportunity to obtain awards in the sport or activity; suspension from HSAAP for the remainder of the school year and/or extending into succeeding school years.

Nothing in these rules/expectations prohibits the Principal or his/her designee, or individual coaches from establishing and enforcing additional rules applicable to participation in district HSAAP. Notice of the imposition of sanctions shall be made in a timely manner by the Principal or his/her designee to the participating student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

As evidenced by our signatures below, we acknowledge and agree we have read the terms and conditions of the above-referenced *Cherry Creek School District High School Athletics and Activities Participation Agreement*, and understand and agree that all participating students are subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, as well as the provisions of applicable school board policies while participating in these district programs.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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# Student Council Events

## 2017-2018

### **PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE/ RELEASE, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INDEMNITY**

I/we understand that during my child's participation in Student Council Events; he/she may be exposed to risk or possible injury. I/we understand that I/we assume the risk for any injuries or damages resulting from my child's participation in this activity.

I/we have accepted responsibility to verify with my physician that my child has no physical or psychological problems that would prohibit his/her participation in the activity, and agree to advise my child to comply with the instructions and directions of the Cherry Creek School District agents, volunteers and/or employees as participants in this activity.

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian), in return for my child's opportunity to participate in Student Council Events do hereby exempt and release the Cherry Creek School District, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents, from any and all liability, claims, demands or actions whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss or injury that my child or I/we might sustain while my child is participating in the activity, whether or not such damage, loss or injury results from the acts or omissions of the Cherry Creek School District, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers or agents. I/we understand that if I/we do not sign this Release, then my child will not be permitted to participate in Student Council Events. I/we hereby represent that I am/we are 18 years of age or older, and that I am/we are the parent(s) guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Student).

I/we further acknowledge that no representations or promises by Cherry Creek School District representatives have been made to induce me to sign this Release. I/we \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian), further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Cherry Creek School District from any claim, cause of action or demand, of any sort or nature, which may at any time be filed or asserted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Student), participation in Student Council Events which indemnification shall include any costs and attorneys' fees that may be incurred by the Cherry Creek School District as a result of any claims, causes of action or demands. This release is valid and effective whether the damage, loss or injury is a result of any act or omission on the part of the district or its agents, volunteers, or employees. I understand that I voluntarily give up my right to sue the above-mentioned parties.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY AND A WAIVER OF ANY RIGHT THAT I MAY HAVE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND/OR MY CHILD/WARD TO BRING LEGAL ACTION OR ASSERT CLAIM FOR INJURY OR LOSS OF ANY KIND AGAINST CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT. IF ANY ATTEMPT FOR CLAIM IS MADE, I UNDERSTAND I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DEFENSE COSTS INCURRED BY CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

**I HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE ABOVE, BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS, CONSIDER ITS EFFECTS, UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Child Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate

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# Student Council Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: 9 10 11

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Free Periods: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your cumulative GPA? Weighted: \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_

What are the names of the 3 teachers you have asked for recommendations?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Of the following, check all that apply to you:

- I tend to make the plans when my friends hang out.
- I am artistic (drawing/ painting/ photography/ etc.)
- I am interested in leadership as it applies to a democratic society/ process
- I am a social media pro
- I consider myself more of a "creative thinker"
- I consider myself more of a "logical thinker"
- I am comfortable talking to Mr. Lundie or other administrators
- I consider myself an overachiever or "type A" personality
- I like to problem solve individually/ quietly
- I enjoy working on group projects
- In a group I like to be a good listener
- In a group I am the "idea giver"

Do you plan on playing any sports (at OHS or outside OHS) during 2018-2019?                      yes                      no

If yes, which sports?

Do you plan on participating in other extracurricular activities (theatre, clubs)?                      yes                      no

If yes, which ones?

To the best of your knowledge, list the classes you are taking next year:

If you could be any animal, what animal would you be and why?

You are writing an autobiography. What would the title be?

In your OWN WORDS, define/ describe character. What does having strong character mean to you?

Within our council, there are opportunities to serve as special committee chairs. Check off any positions which you may be interested:

- Social Media:** In charge of the group Twitter, Snap, and Instagram
- Bonding:** planning and organizing group bonding activities and parties
- Community Service:** announcing community service opportunities & keeping track of hours
- Birthdays:** helping us celebrate birthdays in class
- Talent Show:** point person for organizing our talent show
- Class President:** serve as president of your class (duties vary)
- Boards & Toilet Talk:** keep our club board up to date and bathroom newsletter
- Fundraising:** help start a fundraising committee for StuCo business

**Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:**

1. Why do you want to be a part of Student Council at Overland High School?
2. Student leaders show qualities that distinguish them from others. What makes you unique? Why do you stand out in a crowd?
3. Overland is a very large high school that serves a unique and diverse student community. Although this is what makes our school amazing, we also face unique challenges. How can you as a council member help to bridge this diversity and ensure everyone is represented?

The next step is a brief interview with Ms. Huddleston and Ms. Schreiber, along with class sponsors. These will be scheduled after school during the week of March 12<sup>th</sup>. You will be sent a pass with your scheduled interview time.