

# Do you want to be a part of the RRMS Student Council?

## About the RRMS Student Council

- Do you want to make a difference? Do you want school to be an even more fun and exciting place to be? The RRMS Student Council plans and organizes events for middle school students.

## Who Can Participate?

- The RRMS Student Council will consist of six 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers. These offices will be elected during the month of May 2019, for the following school year.
  - **PRESIDENT** – The President oversees the student council, along with the Student Council Sponsor. This is a student who has the ability to lead, can work with others, and possesses great organizational skills. The President is responsible for planning for goals, activities and projects. He/She will work with the Sponsor to create meeting agendas and lead each meeting. He/She will represent RRMS and Student Council at events as necessary. **\*\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade position only**
  - **VICE PRESIDENT** – The Vice President is a student who is responsible, organized and has good time management skills. The Vice President will assume responsibilities when the President is absent. He/She will collaborate with the President and the Sponsors in the planning of goals, activities and projects.
  - **SECRETARY** – The Secretary is a student that has exceptional note-taking and organization skills. This position is responsible for taking accurate notes (minutes) at each meeting and reporting those minutes to the student council before, during or after the meetings, as necessary. This includes taking attendance of all council members at each meeting and event.
  - **HISTORIAN** – The historian is a student who has knowledge of camera equipment, video equipment, and journaling/creative writing. The Historian is responsible for documenting the important events for the Student Council; this will involve taking photographs or taking notes and keeping a journal and using social media.
  - **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR** – The Activities Director is a student who has good planning and organization skills. The Activities Director will coordinate projects and events throughout the school year. This person should be creative, positive and be able to think outside of the box. This could involve leading the council in creative advertising for events as well, such as posters and commercials.
  - **SPIRIT DIRECTOR** – The Spirit Director is a student that is enthusiastic, has a positive attitude, and shows a regular presence at school events. They will lead spirit days, pep rallies, JR. Posse, and other spirit activities as necessary. This position will also work with the Historian to capture school spirit through various media (photographs, video, etc.)
- Each grade level team will also have student representatives. These positions will be selected in August of the 2019-2020 school year.

- Qualities necessary for any member on Student Council are:
  - **Leadership skills** – Are you willing to lead committees and be a representative for your class?
  - **Creative** – Are you able to think of new and exciting activities and fundraisers for the student council?
  - **Communicative** – Are you able to share ideas with other Student Council members, your class and all of middle school?
  - **Team player** – Are you willing to work as a team to generate ideas and organize events for the Student Council?
  - **Responsibility** – Are you responsible and reliable for running activities throughout the school year?
  - **Commitment** – Are you committed to attending meetings, events and making RRMS the best middle school in Pasco County?
    - This is a yearlong club. If you commit to being an officer, you will be expected to participate in all meetings for the remainder of the year. This can include meetings before and after school, lunch meetings, community service events and school activities.

### **When & Where Does Student Council Meet?**

During the school year we will have meetings scheduled as needed. Some meetings will take place after school from 2:00 – 3:00 and some meetings will take place during lunches or Knight Time during school.

### **2019-2020 Student Council Officer Application Timeline**

- THURSDAY, May 16th @ 2:00 pm – Deadline for submission of completed packet to the Front Office.
- NO packets will be accepted after the deadline.
- Eligible students will be notified on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> if they can campaign.

**Completed packets due to the Front Office  
by THURSDAY, May 16th at 2:00pm.**

### **ELECTION WEEK**

- Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Campaigning. Eligible students who were notified by Mrs. Baumaister may create up to 3 posters to hang in their grade level hallways. Posters may not exceed the regular poster board size, 24 x 36 inches
- Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – ELECTION VOTING. Voting will take place during the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade lunches.
- Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – ELECTION RESULTS will be announced on the Morning News.

**\*Election results are a combined score of number of votes received, points for both teacher recommendation forms and points awarded to each question on the application.**

# Student Council Parent Permission Slip

Student Name:

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Knight Time Teacher

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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Your student is interested in running for a Student Council Officer position. During our meeting times, students will plan and prepare for school events throughout the school year. At times, your child may be asked to attend additional school meetings or activities as well. We will inform you of these events as they arise.

Students interested in Student Council should consider the following guidelines and rules:

## Student Council Representative Responsibilities

1. Attend ALL scheduled meetings. Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the Council.
2. Act responsibly at all meetings and activities/events and as a leader at RRMS.
3. Be On-Track for attendance, academics, and behavior.
4. Solicit input from your grade level team. You are THEIR representative.
5. Attend all committee meetings and perform all assigned responsibilities at activities/events.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to campaign for Student Council. I have read and understand the rules and guidelines for Student Council Officers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Students:

- You must be a current 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade student.
- You must be On Track
- You must obtain **2 CURRENT** teacher recommendations

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Student Council Application

**Directions:** Please answer the following questions utilizing your best writing and thinking skills. Give the questions serious thought before answering. You may use the back of this sheet to finish answers or you may use a separate sheet of paper.

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

Officer Position Running For: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Tell about yourself. What schools have you attended? What type of leadership experiences have you had both in school and in the community?

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2. If you could make ONE improvement at RRMS, what would it be and why?

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3. How do you respond when people don't agree with your ideas?

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4. What makes you the best candidate for the position that you are applying for?

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5. If you could create one school event, what would it be and why?

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Optional: List anything else that you would like us to consider for your application.

# Teacher Recommendation Form #1

**To the Applicant:** Please give this form to a current teacher.

**To the Teacher:** Please complete the following recommendation by evaluating the candidate on the criteria located on this form. **Please return the form to Mrs. Baumaister, not to the student.**

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

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria:	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Academic performance				
Attendance				
Behavior in class				
Participation in class				
Preparation for class				
Leadership potential				
Positive relationship with peers				
Ability to work with others				
Communicates effectively with adults				
Creative thinking				
Critical thinking and problem-solving skills				
Organizational and time-management skills				
Honesty and integrity				

Please provide any additional comments below regarding the student's character and leadership ability, if needed:

# Teacher Recommendation Form #2

**To the Applicant:** Please give this form to a current teacher.

**To the Teacher:** Please complete the following recommendation by evaluating the candidate on the criteria located on this form. **Please return the form to Mrs. Baumaister, not to the student.**

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

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria:	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Academic performance				
Attendance				
Behavior in class				
Participation in class				
Preparation for class				
Leadership potential				
Positive relationship with peers				
Ability to work with others				
Communicates effectively with adults				
Creative thinking				
Critical thinking and problem-solving skills				
Organizational and time- management skills				
Honesty and integrity				

Please provide any additional comments below regarding the student's character and leadership ability, if needed: