



CHEROKEE TRAIL

August 22, 2017

Dear Prospective Student Council Representatives and Parents,

We are excited to offer Student Council (StuCo) this year for students in grades four, five, and six. Student Council provides the opportunity for students to become leaders in our school and community by participating in numerous school and community functions to benefit Cherokee Trail and meet the needs of our school, community and town.

Our vision for Student Council is to lay the foundation for students who want to be active leaders in their school and community. As a collective group, students will be given some autonomy in deciding what projects they would like to participate in this year. Most of all, it should be a great experience and a lot of fun. We have four outstanding Student Council Advisors: Lindsey Anderson, Aubrie Duncan, Chuck Major and Caitlin Weyhrich. By the end of the year the Student Council will have a sense of pride and accomplishment in knowing the positive impact they have made on behalf of Cherokee Trail and the surrounding community.

In this application packet you will find the interview questions, teacher recommendation forms, directory information, rubrics, and an attendance/conduct contract. **Students who submit the completed packet by noon on Friday, September 1, will be scheduled for an interview the week of September 4th. Incomplete applications will not be scheduled for interviews.** Please note, that previous student council members must reapply and are not guaranteed positions in this year's StuCo. During the interview, students will be asked four of the five questions listed in this application. Interviews will be completed by Robin Hunt and a StuCo advisor: Lindsey Anderson, Aubrie Duncan, Chuck Major and/or Caitlin Weyhrich .

Be sure to include the following:

- Teacher recommendation #1
- Student Council Attendance and Conduct Contract
- \$15 for StuCo T-shirt (returned to you if given a position in StuCo)
- Teacher recommendation #2
- Directory Information

Tentative Meeting Schedule **(2nd and 4th Wednesdays)**

September 13 (first meeting), 27	December 13	March 14, 28
October 25	January 10, 24	April 11, 25
November 8	February 7, 21	May 8 (StuCo Field Trip)
<i>Please note that other meetings may be scheduled depending on need</i>		May 23 (Family Celebration)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call us. We are looking forward to getting started and are extremely excited about the possibilities!

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Caitlin Weyhrich, caitlin.weyhrich@dcsdk12.org
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Student Council 2016-2017 Attendance and Conduct Contract

Student's name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom teacher _____

Permission/Attendance Policy

_____ has my permission to attend Cherokee Trail Student Council meetings. He/she will attend all scheduled meetings with no more than 2 absences. He/she will arrive at the library for meetings promptly at 7:45 A.M.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Code of Conduct Policy

As a member of the Cherokee Trail Student Council, I understand that I am a student leader in my school. I will make good decisions and use appropriate behavior in the classroom, at specials, at lunch and recess, during extracurricular activities, and in all other areas of school life. I understand that if my behavior is inappropriate, I may receive a formal warning from one of the Student Council advisors. A second offense will result in me being removed from Student Council for the remainder of the school year. Any official write up will result in automatically being removed from Student Council.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Date _____



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Directory Information

Student Name _____

Student E-mail _____

Student Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Parent Name _____

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Parents, please initial the following statements. If statements aren't initialed, students may still apply for StuCo. If you choose not to initial, please let us know your concerns.

_____ I give permission for the contact information above to be used by the Student Council advisors in the event of an emergency and/or to keep parents and students informed of Student Council happenings and events (*e-mail is our primary means of communication with parents*).

_____ I give permission for photos to be taken of my child at Student Council events/meetings by the Student Council Advisors for use in the school yearbook and for other Student Council related activities.

_____ I give permission for the contact information above to be included in a Student Council Directory. The directory will be distributed only to the other students in Student Council.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



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StuCo Interview Questions

Each applicant will be scheduled for an interview. Four of the five questions listed below will be asked at the interview. Questions are provided in advance so students can prepare answers, but students **may not** come to the interview with answers or notecards from which to read.

Each applicant will tell us a little bit about themselves.

1. What qualities do you have that make you a good leader?
2. Why is it important to give back to the community? Explain your answer.
3. Tell us about a time you were responsible.
4. Why do you feel you would be a good addition to student council?
5. What does EPIC mean to you and how do you show those qualities?

Interview Rubric				
QUESTIONS	1 point answer	2 point answer	3 point answer	4 point answer
<i>What qualities do you have that make you a good leader?</i>	1 Does not address question	2 Explains qualities in little detail; explains qualities that are not relevant to leadership roles; does not provide examples	3 Explains and demonstrates one or two leadership qualities; provides examples of how he/she uses these qualities to serve others	4 Clearly explains and demonstrates three or more valuable leadership qualities; provides examples of how he/she uses these qualities to serve others
<i>Why is it important to give back to the community?</i>	1 Does not address question	2 Few details are irrelevant; little elaboration	3 Has one or two relevant, interesting details; elaborates details	4 Supporting, relevant details; extensive elaboration
<i>Tell us about a time you were responsible?</i>	1 Does not address question	2 Provides an example of how he/she displayed responsibility.	3 Clearly explains and provides an example of how he/she displayed responsibility.	4 Clearly explains and provides a detailed example of how he/she displayed responsibility.
<i>Why do you feel you would be a good addition to student council?</i>	1 Does not address question	2 Few details are irrelevant; little elaboration	3 Has one or two relevant, interesting details; elaborates details	4 Two or more supporting, relevant details; extensive elaboration
<i>What does EPIC mean to you and how do you show those qualities?</i>	1 Does not address question	2 Alludes to the four EPIC traits and gives limited examples of how they portray each quality	3 Identifies the four EPIC traits and gives examples of how they portray each quality	4 Identifies the four EPIC traits and gives specific examples of how they portray each quality



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Applicants, please give this form to a teacher.

Student Council Teacher Recommendation

Student Name: _____

Recommending Teacher Name: _____

Please rate this student using the scale below:

1=Almost never

2=Sometimes

3=Usually

4=Always

Enthusiasm

1 2 3 4

- Shows a positive attitude at all times
- Is eager to learn
- Shows active engagement throughout the day

Perseverance

1 2 3 4

- Uses determination to finish a task
- Has a growth mindset
- Continues through tough times and works to problem-solve

Integrity

1 2 3 4

- Is honest and sincere
- Shows empathy toward others
- Encourages and supports others to do their best
- Does what is right even when nobody is watching

Courage

1 2 3 4

- Is willing to take risks in learning
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- Has self confidence

Additional comments: _____

Please return this form to Mrs. Hunt by September 1, 2017

Thank you for your time and input!



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Cherokee Trail (for office use only) Student Council Point Sheet

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Teacher Recommendation Teacher Name _____ /16

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Interview Question #1 Grader _____ /4

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Total _____ /44