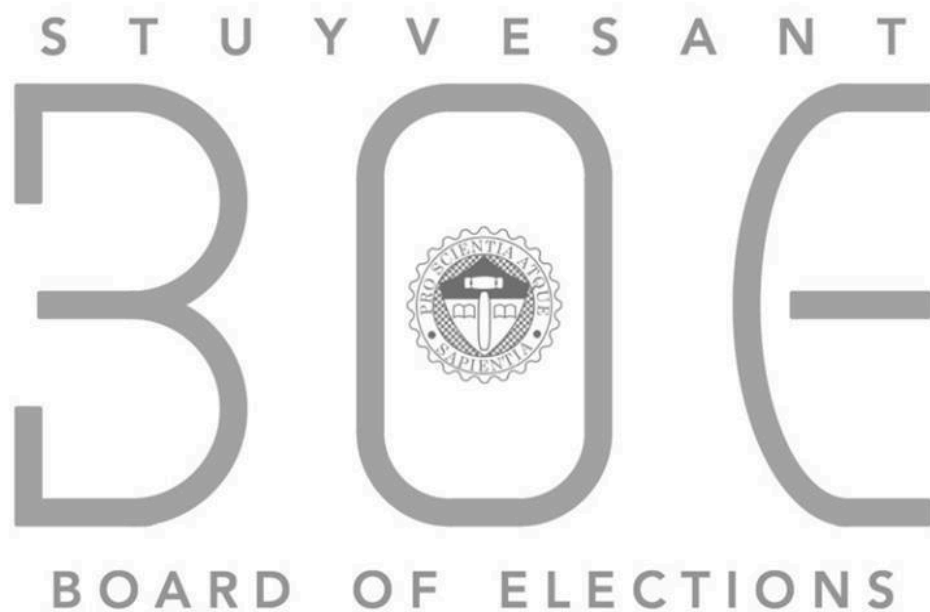


The Stuyvesant High School **Board of Elections**

Official Rules and Regulations
Spring 2022 Election



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If you have questions at any time concerning the rules provided within this document, please do not hesitate to ask the Board of Elections. You can reach us by email at boe@stuysu.org or on Facebook.

Introduction

The Stuyvesant Board of Elections, or BOE, is the organization that facilitates the election of Student Union and Caucus candidates into office.

The BOE Official Rules and Regulations are a set of guidelines that ensure Caucus and Student Union elections will remain fair and transparent.

This document does not include information concerning the process of casting and calculating ballots, the responsibilities of office members once they are sworn in, or the process of appointing cabinet members to the Student Union and Caucuses.

NOTE: The information provided in this guide has been compiled from previous regulations and procedures. If any errors in the compilation or computation have occurred, or if there have been more recent rulings by the BOE, the newer laws shall prevail.

Qualifications to Run for Office

NOTE: You may not announce your candidacy or begin campaigning until approved by the BOE. When in doubt, ask for permission.

To run for any office under the jurisdiction of the BOE, you must:

1. not have failed a class in the past year.
2. be in good disciplinary standing with the school administration.
3. be a Senior and a Junior respectively to run for SU presidency and vice-presidency.
4. be of the same graduating class as the Caucus which you intend to run for (i.e. only Sophomores may run for Sophomore Caucus).
5. run with a partner.
 - a. Each ticket must consist of either two co-presidents or a president and vice-president.

Procedure to Run for Office

1. Attend an interest meeting. There will be sign-ins to confirm your attendance. If no one on your ticket attends an interest meeting, **you cannot run.**
2. Create a petition to indicate support for your candidacy.

The BOE will provide a Google Form for each ticket for the petition. A Stuyvesant email is required for a student to access and sign the form.

The form will ask for the signatory to provide their name, OSIS number, and guarantee that they approve of the candidate.

Caucus candidates must acquire at least 100 signatures from their respective graduating classes (i.e. Sophomore caucus candidates must only acquire signatures from Sophomores). They must also obtain two teacher signatures for each candidate on the ticket - meaning four in total.

Total number of signatures is 100 students, 4 teachers.

SU candidates must acquire 50 signatures per grade, excluding the Senior class. They must also obtain two teacher signatures for each presidential/vice-presidential candidate - meaning four in total.

Total number of signatures is 150 students, 4 teachers.

The petitions may **not** be shared through public Facebook, Instagram, Discord, or any other social media platforms. The petitions must only be shared through individual messages or in face to face discussions. The petitions may not be shared during instructional periods.

Only the candidates themselves are allowed to distribute their own petition. They may not have campaign managers share it for them, or any other student, teacher, or administrator.

3. Register a **maximum of five** people as official campaign managers **and at least one per grade (excluding the Senior class) for SU President and Vice President tickets**. The BOE will send a Google Form for each ticket to register the campaign managers. They must provide their name, OSIS number, photo of their Stuyvesant ID, and agreement to be a representative of the campaign. Campaign managers are those who distribute materials on the ticket's behalf. You may not add any new campaign managers after the election begins.
4. Once the deadline is reached, your petition and campaign manager registration forms will be closed. The BOE will approve your ticket if all requirements are met.

5. You will receive a survey from the BOE concerning your policy positions and motivations. Both the BOE and other school media (e.g. the Spectator) may publish your answers online to inform potential voters.

Rules for Campaigning

NOTE: You will be held responsible for the actions of your campaign managers. Any violation of these rules from **any representative** of a ticket will result in at least one strike.

1. There will be **no campaigning of any nature** until the BOE announces that it is permitted.
 - a. If a prospective ticket begins campaigning before their ticket has been approved, they will receive a warning. If this violation occurs again, their ticket will be rejected.
2. All materials, websites, and other online media must be approved by the BOE.
 - a. On social media, all individual posts must be approved by the BOE.
 - b. All campaign materials must be submitted to the BOE Chairs by email. The BOE will provide information on how to properly submit materials when tickets are finalized.
 - c. If a campaign material is publicized without the approval of the BOE Chairs, the ticket that does so will receive a strike. On the second occurrence, the ticket may be subject to disqualification.
3. Candidates may not request anyone other than their campaign managers to endorse them or distribute campaign materials on their behalf.
 - a. Ordinary students are permitted, however, to endorse tickets as long as they have not been asked to do so. They still may not distribute materials under any circumstances.
4. Candidates may not campaign during instructional periods or on online classroom platforms (i.e. Google Classroom).
5. Each ticket may only make a Facebook post to each “Dear Incoming...” group once throughout the campaign season (Caucus candidates are permitted to share only through their respective “Dear Incoming...” group, and SU candidates are permitted to share once in each of the three groups). The BOE encourages that they use this opportunity to share their own Facebook platform, where they may post more often.

6. Arguments that attack a candidate must be restricted to the ideas and plans of the campaign. Personal and ad hominem attacks are forbidden, and evidence of these infractions will result in a strike.
7. References to drugs, offensive language, or sexual content are not permitted in campaign material.
8. Any substantial evidence of sabotage, bribery, or other corrupt practices may result in the indefinite banning of any complicit parties from holding office in the SU or Caucuses.
 - a. The BOE will have full discretion in the punishment and investigation of the offense.
 - b. If a BOE member is found to be working with a ticket in a corrupt manner, the ticket will be subject to strikes and/or disqualification, and the BOE member will be removed from their position in the BOE.
9. There will be one debate held per election during campaign season. **At least one member of each ticket is required to attend the debate. Nonattendance will result in a strike.**
 - a. In the case that one of the members of a ticket is unable to attend the debate, a campaign manager is permitted to substitute if the ticket wishes.
 - b. Each debate will be recorded, and will become available on the BOE YouTube channel as soon as possible.
10. Campaign spending may not exceed the value of \$50. All expenditures must be accounted for with receipts via email.
11. At least one member of each ticket (excluding campaign managers) must be present for the official announcement of their election's results.
 - a. This announcement will be held after school, and will later be announced by the BOE via email and social media.

Penalties: Three Strike Policy

- **If a ticket accumulates three strikes, the candidates will be disqualified from the election.**
 - Strikes are given according to the severity of the infraction and will be announced.
 - All strikes will be publicly visible on vote.stuysu.org
 - All complaints must be reported to the Board of Elections BEFORE election dates.

- All incidents will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the BOE.
- **Final decisions by the BOE may NOT be overturned.**

Reporting Violations

Any student, teacher or administrator has the right to report any suspicious activities or rule violations to any BOE member. However, the BOE will not give a strike or disqualify the accused unless there is substantial evidence.

All cases will be judged by the BOE. BOE Chairs will have full discretion to assess strikes and other penalties. However, if there are doubts about these decisions, at the request of the candidates or of the school administration, the entire BOE Voting Board will vote, with the majority determining the course of action. The Coordinator of Student Affairs (COSA) will also have veto power over the BOE's decisions, but will use this only in extreme or emergency situations in order that the process be as student-centered as possible.

Contact Information

If you have questions at any time concerning the above rules, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the BOE. You can reach us through email, our website, or Facebook.

Always ask before you act. You will never be penalized for reaching out to the BOE, but you will be penalized if you violate a rule.

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