



2026-2027 RHS Student Council Officer Elections Overview

As always, Ruston High School needs a strong, dependable, and vibrant Student Council. We are hopeful that we will continue some of our favorite Student Council initiatives in the 2026-2027 school year.

Our goal is to make this election process as easy as possible. This document outlines the steps that you need to take in order to apply and run for a position on the council.

Please communicate any questions, problems, or potential issues that you see to Mrs. Treadway(stephanie.treadway@lincolnschools.org) or Mrs. Gressett (jgressett@lincolnschools.org) ASAP.

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1 Officer applications open	4/2	4/3	4/4
4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9	4/11 Platform ideas due (via email) to Mrs. Gressett and Mrs. Treadway (presidential nominees only)	4/11
4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15 Officer applications due today	4/16	4/17	4/18
4/19	4/20 Meet with officer candidates during advisory	4/21	4/22 Campaign videos due	4/23	4/24	4/25

	(Room 203) Mrs. Treadway's room					
4/26	4/27 Campaigning begins	4/28 Campaigning	4/29 Campaigning	4/30 Campaigning	5/1 Officer election day	5/2

Application Process

1. Complete the [Officer Application form](#) by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday , April 15.

- Please remember that your application is subject to review, and simply submitting an application does not get you on the ballot. You must fulfill the requirements listed in the constitution. Your grades and discipline records will be confirmed before you are included on the ballot.

2. **Confirm your inclusion on the ballot.** Mrs. Treadway or Mrs. Gressett will reach out to you via email to confirm whether or not you qualify to run based on your application and the additional requirements. Please make sure that you watch your email for that confirmation. Once you have been approved, notify the candidate on whose ticket you are running.

- If you are running for President--please make sure that you get confirmation from each person on your ticket that he/she has completed the application process and been approved to run.
- If you are running for President--make sure that you have gotten final approval on all platform ideas prior to moving forward with your campaign. Platform ideas are due early so you have time to revise them if needed.
- **Remember, submitting your application earlier rather than later provides a larger window to plan for the next phase of campaigning****
- Please note: If you get a referral during the campaigning process, eligibility rules still apply, so you may be disqualified.

Campaign Process

- Create your [platform video](#).
 - Presidential candidates** must submit a two minute campaign video describing their platform goals and presenting their ticket candidates. Submit this video to Mrs. Treadway (or Mrs. Gressett

for final approval by April 22. Once it has been approved, do not make any changes to the video.

- b. **Do not share this video or any other type of campaigning on social media until the beginning of the campaign window.**
- c. You will be disqualified if you campaign outside of the official window.
- d. Be sure to review the campaign guidelines; candidates who do not follow those guidelines could be disqualified.

2. ONCE THE CAMPAIGN WINDOW BEGINS:

Engage with the student body!

- a. Obviously, you can share the campaign video and any other campaign material on a variety of social media platforms.
- b. Please be mindful that any material you put on social media is subject to public scrutiny and should represent the best qualities of you and Ruston High School.
- c. You will be disqualified for negative campaigning.
- d. Please note the guidelines/regulations for passing out campaign materials. More information will be provided at the meeting, but if you want to plan ahead, the designated days for passing items out are as follows:
 - i. Monday, April 27: stickers only
 - ii. Tuesday, April 28: stickers and candy
 - iii. Wednesday, April 29: stickers and tokens such as pencils, bracelets, lanyards, etc.
 - iv. Thursday, April 30: stickers and food
 - v. Friday, May 1: stickers and food

3. **Vote:** Voting will take place during Advisory on Friday, May 1. Be sure to encourage everyone to check their email for their ballot. The ballot is open until 1:00 pm on May 1.