

Burnaby North Secondary

Student Government Elections 2021

Election Rules and Guidelines

Campaign Information

Website

- All candidates must complete the “**Candidate Information**” form.
- Your responses will be posted on the **official Student Government website**, along with a photo and an optional 1-2 minute campaign video.

Materials

- Candidates are permitted to utilize the following campaign materials:
 - **20 signs** (8.5” x 11”)
 - **1 banner** (3’ x 7’) (handmade on paper, NO professionally printed banners) (banner paper provided by student government)
 - Candidates can use student government space (March 30th- April 9th) to work on their banners. Paint and paint brushes are available to borrow upon signing up to the doodle form. Spots are limited.
Link to sign up:
https://doodle.com/poll/dyurmnewpn3r2yt3?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link
- **Budget:**
 - **Grade Rep** candidates may spend up to **\$25.00 CAD**
 - **Executive** candidates may spend up to **\$50.00 CAD**

Rules

- Campaigning is only permitted on school grounds from 8:45-2:45 during campaign week
- Posters **may not** be: put outside, on PA speakers, on doors, covering light switches or windows, in bathrooms, in classrooms, in the office, in the gyms, in the cafeterias or in the library. They also must not cover any of the school artwork.
- You must only use **masking tape** when placing posters and banners. **No stickers.**
- Posters should not attack or put down other candidates.
- All campaign materials must be school appropriate (no profanity, sexuality, and so on).
- Posters may be put up around the school when doors open at around 6:00 AM PT on the first day of the campaign (Monday). You may not miss your AM class to put up posters.
- **Posters must be removed by 3:30pm on the last day of the campaign.**
- Absolutely no defacing or removing of other candidate’s posters; and NO encouragement of others to do so will be accepted – this behaviour is not fitting of a Student Government member and will result in the removal of your name from the ballot.
- No soliciting votes: Votes shall not be earned through bribery (i.e. no candy, pins, money, etc.)
- **No handouts of any kind**

- **There is NO online campaigning** (ie. social media posts, stories, mass messaging, aside from the official Student Government website).
- No wandering the hallways in groups with the intent of campaigning
- **ALL ACTIVITIES MUST FOLLOW COVID-19 DISTRICT GUIDELINES**
- **Other** forms of advertising that may be questionable must be cleared with Mr. Parker nicolas.parker@burnabyschools.ca before the campaign period begins.

If any rules are violated, candidates will be disqualified.

Speeches

- Each candidate will be able to make a 1-2 minute speech (video), which will be posted on the Election Website for teachers to play in class and for students to view at their discretion. Due date for candidates to submit their speech videos is **March 29th**.
- **All speeches must be approved by Mr. Parker beforehand.**
- All speeches must be school appropriate (no swearing, references to sex or violence, and so on).

Presidential Q&A

- All presidential candidates should ensure that their 10 peer nominators can attend the Q&A on Wednesday, April 14th.
- The Q&A will be separated into candidate specific questions, group questions, and live questions.
- More information on the questions will be sent out to presidential candidates prior to the Q&A

Election Day and Voting

- All students (grades 8-11) will vote for Executive positions.
- Each grade will vote for their own Grade Rep(s).
- Voting will take place in first-period classes. Ballots will be distributed by first-period teachers.
- Votes will be tallied the following Monday. The winning candidates will be announced during the Tuesday morning PA. All candidates will meet in the Gallery during flex block (9:00am) on Tuesday morning to review the results before the PA announcement.
- Advanced Voting: If students do not have a first period advanced voting will be available on Thursday April 15th after lunch and after school. Voters must bring their GoCard and schedule as proof.