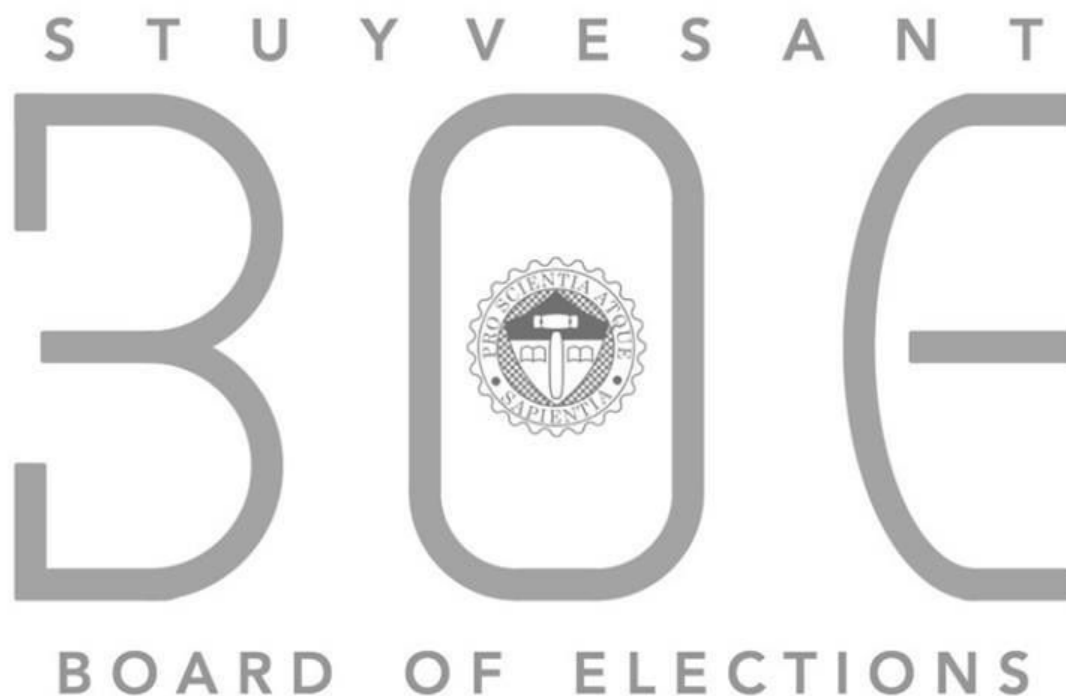


The Stuyvesant High School Board of Elections

Official Rules and Regulations Spring 2017 ELECTIONS



Chairs:

Adam Abbas
Jennifer Lee

Important 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 Election Commission, the newer laws shall prevail.

*If you have questions at any time concerning the aforementioned rules, PLEASE do not hesitate to ask any member of the Election Commission. You can reach us by e-mail or on facebook.

*Current

*You must be a Junior and a Sophomore respectively to run for SU presidency and vice-presidency.

*Sophomore candidates run for Junior caucus in the Spring of their Sophomore year, and Juniors run for Senior caucus in the Spring of their Junior year. *Freshman candidates run for Freshman caucus in the Fall.

*Candidates can run for only ONE position.

*Each **ticket** consists of a pair of people running for a caucus together.

*There are two rounds: 1) Primary election includes all tickets running
2) General Election includes only the final two tickets running

How to Get Started

1. Create a petition for your entrance to the ballot.
 - Each signature received should also include the name printed as well as the OSIS number.
Example: John Doe *John Doe* 000000000
 - Candidates must obtain certain number of signatures from students to be eligible.
 - Caucus candidates must retrieve at least 100 signatures from their respective grades. They must also retrieve 2 teacher signatures for each presidential/vice-presidential candidate.
Total numbers of signatures is 104.
 - SU candidates must retrieve 50 signatures per grade (seniors' signatures will not be counted). They must also retrieve 2 teacher signatures for each presidential/vice-presidential candidate.
Total number of signatures is 154.
2. Sign, and submit the affidavit in order to run.
3. Register a **maximum of 5** people as official campaign managers for **caucus candidates** and a maximum of **10 people for SU presidency candidates and at least one per grade**. Campaign managers are those who distribute materials on the ticket's behalf. Names, IDs and picture of their faces must be provided.

-Note: You will be held responsible for the actions of your campaign managers. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Submit the online application provided by Board of Elections. You must answer the questions in the application. Remember that BOE and other school media can use your answers to inform the voters about your policies, so choose your words wisely.
- Submit your petition, affidavit, your official campaigner list with supplements, and a picture of both candidates in a standard manila envelope. Write the names of both candidates and the election you are participating in on the outside of the envelope. Hand the envelope to a BOE member before the deadline. **No exceptions will be made.**

RULES FOR CAMPAIGNING (non-negotiable and no exceptions)

NOTE: Violations to these rules will result a strike. Any corrupt act will result in a ban from running in future elections.

1. Only **standard 8 ½ x 11” sized paper** can be used for campaign materials distributed or posted (**NOTHING ELSE, NO EXCEPTIONS**) – **Paper may be folded into any shape.** All posters, pamphlets and other kinds of propaganda must be approved by the BOE before use. Taping a poster behind your back is allowed. However, this poster must be approved by BOE before usage.
2. ***Personal campaigning*** (verbal campaigning) **IS allowed as long as you don’t insult other candidates and give the opponents bad reputation. If the campaign is too negative and offensive, you will be disqualified. You may run for next election if disqualified for this reason.**
3. A maximum of **3** posters (standard 8 ½ x 11 sized paper) may only placed per bulletin board. Bulletin boards are the **ONLY** places where posters can be posted.
4. No profanity, slander, defamation, sex, or drugs, are allowed in campaign literature or in any part of the campaign. Doing so results in an immediate **DISQUALIFICATION** from this election.
5. Online campaigning is allowed after notifying and receiving the consent of the BOE. However, if BOE is not notified, and online campaigning occurs, a strike will be received. The online campaigning before the election season is not allowed and would disqualify the candidates from entering the election. All online pages and campaigning sites must be emailed to stuyboe@gmail.com for approval beforehand.
6. All posters must be approved by the BOE to be put up on bulletin boards.
 - There is a limit to how many posters per ticket can put up in one election semester.
 - Caucus presidency can put up maximum of 100 posters in election season.
 - SU Presidency can put up maximum of 150 posters in election season.
 - All candidates must submit all of the posters they will use in the campaigning to the BOE before putting the posters up. Posters will be stamped before usage in order to prevent spam and prevent any economic disadvantages.
7. Posters may remain up for whole election semester; however, the candidates must remove the posters after the Election Day. If this rule is not followed, then higher authority will be alerted. Not removing the posters won’t result a strike or disqualification; however, it is a common decency to do so.
8. **If there is substantial evidence for sabotage, bribery or any corrupt act that may bring a candidate an unfair advantage, this person will be banned from running in future elections while attending Stuyvesant High School.**
9. On Primary/General Elections, candidates are allowed to campaign personally on floors 1, 3-10. There is **NO** campaigning on the second and half-floor, any stairs between first floor and third floor, and near escalators that is connected to second floor (two-to-three, two-to-four). If any candidates are found campaigning in these areas, then they will be disqualified.
10. Only registered campaign managers may campaign for you. You may not ask non-campaign managers to campaign for you. Not doing so results a strike.
11. You are responsible for cleaning up any of your own campaign materials around the school **every single day. DO NOT LITTER. All candidates must still clean up their own posters if they forfeit candidacy or if the election ends.**
12. No campaign may use SU resources, which includes (but is not limited to) the use of SU computers, supplies, or walls/space. Not doing so results a strike
13. ****There will be debate held for SU presidency candidates after the primary elections. **** The excuse such as having a test or having to study for SAT on the debate day won’t be accepted. Only excuse would be personal tragedy such as a family member dying. Being sick is not an excuse. The candidates must remember that the SU president must work everyday to serve the student body.

****Please clean up all posters after elections. Not cleaning up will not deny you of presidency/vice-presidency. However, YOU are supposed to be setting the example for the student body.**

Penalties/Violations: Three Strike Policy

If a ticket accumulates three strikes, the candidates will be disqualified from the elections.

**** Strikes are given according to the severity of the infraction and will be announced.**

**** 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.***

Reporting

You have the right to report any suspicious activities or rule violations to any BOE member. However, the BOE will not give a strike or disqualification against the accused unless there is substantial evidence. Examples to substantial evidence, but limited to are:

Photos with date indicating when the photo was taken.

Numbers of witnesses, especially if they are not involved in campaigning.

Witness is BOE member.

All cases will be judged by the BOE.

You cannot overturn BOE's decision. Our words are final.

***Note**

-All candidates MUST HAVE passed all of their classes.

A ticket will be disqualified if:

- either person on a ticket has failed a class
- either person has more than one grade of an 80 or below
- either person has an overall average of 85 or below
- either person has received two or more N's or one U for the Spring 2015 1st marking period
- either person is not in good disciplinary standing

DATES:

Candidate Briefing: 11/23/15 Rm 303 After 10th Period

A timeline for the release of campaign materials will be outlined.

Please be advised that all tickets are handled on a case by case basis.

Contact Information

Rule of Thumb: Ask Before You Act

If you have questions at any time concerning the aforementioned rules, PLEASE do not hesitate to ask any member of the BOE. You can reach us by e-mail or by phone.

Email: stuyboe@gmail.com

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Jennifer Lee: leejennifer2001@gmail.com

*Please **DETACH** and return to the BOE*

Official Affidavit

STUDENT UNION ELECTION

We agree to adhere to the aforementioned rules and to:

- Perform all duties if elected to office
- Use discretion when campaigning, maintaining decorum and dignity of the elections
- Be held responsible and accountable for our actions as well as the activities of those involved in our campaign

Date: ____/____/____

X_____
Presidential candidate

X_____
Vice Presidential candidate

X_____
Print name in clear, capital letters

X_____
Print name in clear, capital letters

Email Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

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Which election are you running for?

Freshman Caucus (FALL)

Sophomore Caucus (Spring)

Junior Caucus (SPRING)

Senior Caucus (SPRING)

SU Presidency (SPRING)

Caucus Election Petition

(Circle one)

Freshmen Caucus | Sophomore Caucus | Junior Caucus | Senior Caucus | SU Caucus

Presidential Candidate: ID: Homeroom:

VP Candidate: ID: Homeroom:

Campaign Managers:

1. Name: ID:

2. Name: ID:

3. Name: ID:

4. Name: ID:

5. Name: ID:

By signing below, I hereby represent that I support the petition of the persons named above.

I believe that, if elected,the candidates above will act in their maximum capacity to do their duties as outlined in the Student Union Constitution, and serve the student body to the best of their abilities.

Printed Name:

Signature:

4-Digit ID:

Date:

As the candidates’ teacher, I support the nomination of the above candidates. I believe that, if elected, the candidates above will act in their maximum capacity to do their duties as outlined in the Student Union Constitution, and serve the student body to the best of their abilities.

	Printed Name	Signature	Department	Date
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

