

## **Peachtree Academy Student Government 2022-2023 Campaign Rules**

### **Campaign Dates and Deadlines:**

August 4	Student Government Applications Available
August 10	Information meeting in Mrs. Howeth's room @ 3:00.
August 19	Applications due by 3:45 and campaign posters submitted for approval; <b>late apps not accepted!</b>
August 22-26	Posters up/Campaigning
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Required Applicant Meeting</b>
August 30	Middle School Speeches
August 31	High School Speeches
September 1	All Upper School Elections
September 2	Student Government Officials Announced
September 7	First SGA Meeting

### **Posters and Advertisements:**

- Posters must be placed on approved bulletin boards in the high school building only. Approved bulletin boards include one on the first floor of the high school building and one in the cafeteria.
- No more than one 8 1/2 x 11 size poster is allowed on each bulletin board.
- Yard signs may be placed in the Peachtree Panther Plaza during campaign week (August 23-27)
- All Posters, Campaign materials, and Yard Signs must be removed by Tuesday, August 31, at 4 p.m.
- A violation of campaign rules will forfeit participation in Student Government Elections

### **Campaign Items:**

- **No food items** such as pizza, cupcakes, cookies, etc...may be distributed at any point during the campaign process
- **On SGA Speech day** non-perishable items such as campaign buttons, pencils, etc...may be distributed
- A violation of campaign item rules will forfeit participation in Student Government Elections

**Campaign Courtesy:**

- Tampering with another candidate's campaign posters, yard signs, locker decorations or other campaign items will result in an automatic forfeiture of the right to participate in Student Government Elections

**Student Government Speeches:**

- On the designated speech day, each candidate is expected to deliver a 2-3 minute speech to the high school body and faculty. Speech content should include why you wish to run for office, a list of skills and qualifications for the office, and goals for the position if elected. The inability to deliver a speech will result in forfeiture of the privilege to run for office. *Mrs. Howeth will provide you with a speech template to help you organize your thoughts.*

**Academics and Character:**

- In order to be eligible for Student Government Office a student must have and maintain at least a B average or higher. A drop in academic achievement may merit a temporary or permanent reprieve in Student Government responsibilities, as determined by the Peachtree Administrative team.
- Eligibility for office reflects that a student has no level 3 or level 4 infractions from the semester prior to elections. While serving in SGA, exceeding this amount may result in a termination of office.
- Attendance and punctuality is an important component of holding a position within the Student Government. Failure to attend meetings, events, fundraisers, etc. will result in a termination of office.

**Election Procedures:**

- Voting will be completed through an electronic ballot delivered to each student the morning of elections.
- An election must be won by a two point margin. If the election is not won by a two-point margin, a runoff will be held. Runoff candidates may continue to campaign until the day of the run-off.