**James Clemens High School Student Government**

 **2025-2026 Election Information**

**Important Election Dates:**

**EXECUTIVE AND CLASS OFFICER CANDIDATES:**

* **Friday March 21** : Officer Election announcement
* Officer interest meeting Tuesday March 25, 11:50 OR April 1st, 11:50 D219
* Thursday April 3: Officer Agreements and YouTube Campaign Video due to Mrs. Turner by end of Refuel

**EXECUTIVE**

* **Approved Candidates posted 4:00 Friday Apr 4, 2025**
* Monday - Thursday, April 7-10: Executive Candidate Campaign
* Thursday April 10: Google Ballot and Video links posted during First Block. Voting on Google form open all day
* Results posted/announced Friday, April 11

**CLASS OFFICE:**

* **Approved Candidates posted 4:00pm Monday April 14**
* April 15 - 18: Class Candidate Campaign
* Monday, April 21: Google Ballot and Video links posted during Advisory. Voting on Google form open all day
* Results posted/announced. Tuesday April 22, 2024

**Campaign Rules:**

1. All candidates must submit a **YouTube** campaign video.

 MUST be **YouTube**

* 1. **YouTube** Video must be submitted on the day that the election packet is due.
	2. **YouTube** Video must be no longer than 1 minute and include your name, office that you are running for, and what qualifications you have for the office.
1. Campaigning will take place with Posters and Social Media. Only clean campaigns will be allowed. **NO** slander, vandalism, or other vulgarity will be tolerated. You may be disqualified if found guilty of any offense.
2. A maximum of four poster sized campaign ads and twenty-five flyer sized campaign ads may be used in campaigning. These posters may only be posted with pre-approved adhesive. Sticky tack is recommended but not required; clear packing tape also works well.
3. All campaign materials must be removed by 4:00pm on the day of elections. Any remaining campaign materials may be grounds for disqualification (disqualification is at the advisor’s discretion).
	1. *Do not hang any campaign materials inside classrooms or in the Landing/commons area. It is recommended that you make a note of your sign locations when you hang them. Please report any missing signs as soon as possible.*
4. Candy, food, stickers or gifts of any kind cannot be passed out during campaigns.
5. Participating in or even encouraging the defacement or removal of another candidate’s campaign materials may be grounds for disqualification.

# James Clemens High School Student Government

Requirements for Office

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1. Officers must be committed to their student government obligations. It is a huge responsibility to be a class officer; your class, as well as the entire school, is counting on you to do a great job. Please consider your schedule and be sure that student government will be a top priority. Officers are required to:
* **Attend a Leadership Conference in the fall when available**
* **Attend the 2 day State Conference in March/April (approx. cost $150)**
* **Set up AND take down Homecoming Dance**
1. Leadership Team meetings: All officers must attend officer meetings as scheduled. This will be at least once weekly depending on SGA projects i.e. homecoming, Prom, Service Projects, ASCA projects, etc. These required meetings will be posted at least a week in advance.
2. All executive officers must have *and maintain* a minimum 3.0 GPA. Class officers must have *and maintain* a minimum 2.5 GPA. The guidance office will verify this.
3. No officer may have been suspended out of school during the preceding calendar year
4. All officers must turn in their completed petitions by the stated deadline (50 classmates’ signatures for class office, 100 schoolmates’ signatures for executive office). We will get GPA certification by your guidance counselor or the Registrar.
5. All officers must have shared these guidelines with his or her parents and returned a signed permission document signifying his or her parents’ permission to run and an understanding of the level of commitment involved.
6. All campaign guidelines must be followed to qualify as an officer.
7. Executive officer candidates must be juniors or seniors unless there is an office not filled by a junior or senior.
8. Officers and senate members must be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings. Officers may **not miss more than 3 meetings per semester** and **must be present** when their class is involved in an activity i.e. Float building, Prom prep, etc.
9. Meeting times and locations will be set forth by the appropriate sponsors:
10. Executive officers and Senior Class officers must have served as an SGA member in good standing for at least 1 year and be current members of SGA.
11. Removed officers may not run for office the year following the dismissal
12. Only Juniors and Seniors can run for Executive office unless there are vacant positions not filled by juniors or seniors.

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Student Government Offices and Responsibilities

**Executive Officers: Cannot miss > 3 meetings per semester & only with prior approval, Doctor excuse or approved JCHS activity. Participation in ASCA activities (State convention, Advisors conference, fall leadership conference) is required.**

**President**—presides over all student government meetings and works closely with all executive officers. Works with class presidents (of freshmen class) on Teacher Appreciation projects—one main project per semester

**Vice President Programming**—works closely with the senior class to organize and execute homecoming activities in the fall, Faculty Student Basketball Game, Powder Puff and future programming events in the spring.

**Vice President Service**—works closely with (sophomore or freshmen) class to organize and execute JCHS service projects—(Give back floats, MOS, Relay for Life one main project per semester.

**Secretary**—Works closely with executive officers and records meeting minutes, also maintains SGA records & attendance records.

**Treasurer**—works closely with executive officers and keeps track of SGA monetary needs and collection of dues, contributions and fundraising. Records all contributions made during service projects

**Historian/ Publicist**—works closely with executive officers and documents events of the year. Captures JCHS SGA events and compiles them in a scrapbook for the year - Works with promotion and media correspondence.

**Class Officers: Cannot miss > 3 meetings per semester & only with prior approval, Doctor excuse or approved JCHS activity. Participation in ASCA activities is required.**

 **President – Presides over class meetings**

 **Vice President – Assists president and fills in in president's absence**

 **Secretary – class attendance**

**Treasurer – keeps records & reminders to turn in dues, donations…**

## James Clemens High School

## Student Government Officer Agreement

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for the Office of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: (unofficial copy of transcript -) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Government/leadership Experience: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The James Clemens High School Student Government has high expectations for this year.

* Mandatory weekly Leadership Team meeting
* The students will be responsible for school wide activities, fundraisers, service projects and assemblies, with an emphasis on event planning and information dissemination required to build community and create a positive educational environment. The overall objective of the course is to facilitate the process of being effective leaders who support their educational community. School membership requirements for the State, Southern Association and National Associations of Student Councils will be maintained and members will compete at some or all of these levels at the respective conferences. Students who wish to develop the following skills are encouraged to apply for the Student Leadership Team:

\*Develop leadership skills \*Promote good citizenship and service

\*Prepare students to take leadership roles in the school and community

* **Participation in the Alabama Student Council Association State Conference is required. It will be a one to two day conference, usually in March or April.**
* We will be a very active group in both our school, our community and at the State level. The hours spent preparing for programs, service projects, and meetings will be long. There will also be a call for work after school and on weekends when major events occur (i.e. Homecoming).

I understand the obligation I am making to the James Clemens High School Student Government. If elected, I agree to fulfill the duties to my office to the best of my ability and commit to required meeting attendance. I further certify that I have not been suspended during the last calendar year. I agree that my campaign materials will be in good taste, in accordance with the campaign regulations set forth, as well as school and district policies. I understand that failure to follow these guidelines may result in my disqualification from this election.

**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I understand that my child will be undertaking a huge responsibility if elected to this office. I agree to provide transportation (if needed) to and from meetings and events. I further agree to support him/her in whatever way I can make sure he/she can fulfill this obligation.

**Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please ask two teachers to fill out these forms and return them directly to Mrs. Turner.

SGA - Teacher Reference Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Subject(s) you taught this student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please compare the student to his/her peers in the following categories, using the following scale:

1: well below average

2: below average

3: good (average)

4: very good (above average)

5: excellent (top

Leadership: \_\_\_\_

Motivation: \_\_\_\_

Integrity: \_\_\_\_

Respect for others: \_\_\_\_

Concern for others: \_\_\_\_

Initiative/Independence: \_\_\_\_

Disciplined Work Habits: \_\_\_\_

Additional comments:

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Teacher signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: Please return this form directly to Melanie Turner. Thank you!

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Please compare the student to his/her peers in the following categories, using the following scale:

1: well below average

2: below average

3: good (average)

4: very good (above average)

5: excellent (top 10%)

Leadership: \_\_\_\_

Motivation: \_\_\_\_

Integrity: \_\_\_\_

Respect for others: \_\_\_\_

Concern for others: \_\_\_\_

Initiative/Independence: \_\_\_\_

Disciplined Work Habits: \_\_\_\_

Additional comments:

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Teacher signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: Please return this form directly to Melanie Turner. Thank you!

## James Clemens High School

Student Government Election Signatures 2024-2025

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I am running for \_\_\_\_(rising grade) class/executive (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(office), and I would appreciate your support!

Only members of YOUR class can sign for class officer elections.

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| 25. | 50. |

\*Names and classification will be verified—James Clemens students only…superheroes, celebrities, or Presidents (past or present) need not sign. Please be sure the signature is legible.

## James Clemens High School

Student Government Election Additional Signatures for Executive

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I am running for \_\_\_\_(rising grade) class/executive (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(office), and I would appreciate your support!

ALL JC students 2024-2025 (not current seniors) can sign for executive officers

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| 74. | 99. |
| 75. | 100. |

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