



Student Government 2017-2018

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COURSE OUTLINE AND DESCRIPTION:

Student Government is a class composed of a group of students who, through leadership, service, and collaboration, coordinate and organize school-wide and class activities. Students are assigned to a number of committees that organize dances, rallies, ASB elections, and club events. Students of the same graduating class work together to organize and fundraise for class-specific activities, such as Junior Prom, Senior Ball, Float Building, etc. Students will receive 10 units of elective credit for passing both semesters of Student Government.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of Student Government is to promote student participation, build school-wide spirit, and create a positive and inclusive school environment at John F. Kennedy High School. Each day of the week is dedicated to the following activities:

1. Monday – **Leadership Development**
Ms. Shintaku will facilitate activities, workshops, lessons, etc. to promote leadership development.
2. Tuesday – **Committee Work Day**
Students will work within their assigned committees.
3. Wednesday – **Class Work Day**
Students will work with members of their graduating class.
4. Thursday – **Choice Work Day**
Depending on the upcoming events, students will either work within their assigned committees or graduating classes, as directed by Ms. Shintaku.
5. Friday – **Team Building**
Pairs of students will lead and facilitate team building exercises.

REQUIREMENTS:

ASB Constitution/Code of Conduct/Code of Ethics/Student Handbook

Students will abide by and uphold the rules of John F. Kennedy's ASB Constitution, Code of Conduct, and Student Handbook. See the attached Code of Conduct. Student initials are required.

Classroom Agreements:

Students have established the following Classroom Agreements:

1. One Mic
2. Golden Dome
3. Golden Rule
4. Follow Through
5. Be Diligent
6. Be Respectful
7. It's Business, Not Personal
8. Positive Attitude

- 9. Participate
- 10. Be Inclusive
- 11. Step Up
- 12. Be Prompt

- 13. Be Prepared
- 14. Support One Another
- 15. Have Fun!

Attendance/Participation:

Students are expected to attend 4th period Student Government every day because it is a class for which they can receive elective credits. If a student is absent, a parent/guardian must excuse their absence(s) via email, phone, or note through the Attendance Office. Students are also expected to be on time to 4th period Student Government every day. Students with an attendance rate of less than 80% will be subject to removal from Student Government. Students will be assigned shifts to work for a variety of school sponsored events. They will be required to show up on time to their shift. Students who miss one shift will be given a warning. Students who miss two shifts will be subject to removal from Student Government.

GRADING POLICY:

Students will be graded on In-Class Participation, Outside-Activity Participation, and Written Assignments. In-Class Participation includes providing input and being engaged during class discussions/lessons/workshops/etc., completing assigned tasks related to class or committee work, and communicating with the ASB President and the Activities Director. Outside-Activity Participation includes working shifts for Casey’s Corner and other activities that take place outside of the 4th period Student Government class. Written Assignments include the Student-Facilitated Team Building Activity Worksheet, Activity Task Lists, and Reflections.

In-Class Participation	40%
Outside-Activity Participation	40%
Written Assignments	20%

I have read and understand the 2017-2018 Student Government Syllabus.

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name (Please Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____