

Voting in US Schools

“Hi! I’m Ashley Parker. I’m an 8th grader at MVHS and I want to run for student government. If I’m elected, I will be a member of the student council!”

The student Council

If you want to take part in your school life, join the student council. There, you can take action to improve life at school, meet other students and get involved!

Positions in the Student Council

There are four positions in the student council: the president, the vice-president, the treasurer and the secretary.

The Secretary: The secretary takes notes during meetings (these notes are called minutes). He/She types letters or emails and keeps the school activity calendar updated. The secretary is responsible for all sign-up sheets. He/She must be very organized.

The Treasurer: The treasurer establishes budgets and records financial transactions. He/She must be trustworthy.

The Vice-President: The vice-president must represent the president when he/she is absent. He/She is also in charge of specific duties like meeting and surveying schoolmates.

The President: The president acts as a representative for the other students. He/She must listen to them and try to satisfy their demands. He/She also runs council meetings. He/She mustn’t be shy. He/She must be outgoing and confident.

Prom and Club Elections

There are several other elections in American high schools:

Prom Elections: At the end of the school year, students have prom, a formal dance or gathering of high school students. A Prom King and a Prom Queen are elected. The students who are elected King and Queen are very popular and they often participate in school activities like clubs.

School Club Elections: Club members (drama club, science club, bands or sports teams) must elect their representatives too.