

Student Government Organization

What is student government?

The role of the Student Government varies from school to school. There is very little that is absolute about what a Student Government must be. The attitudes of the students, faculty, and administration of each school play a large part in determining “What is a student government?”

Elements of most definitions would include:

- A group of students
- Elected by students
- Organized
- To promote school activities
- To represent the interest of the students
- To represent the students to the faculty and administration

In order to be an effective and viable force within the school community, a good student government should:

- Fairly and equally represent the student body
- Perform worthwhile functions within the School District of Manatee County
- Be based on democratic principles
- Maintain open communication with the students, faculty, and administration

Requirements For New Class Members

- Must be an incoming Junior or Senior
- Must have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Must be in “good standings” with discipline
- Must complete and turn in an application
- Must go through interview process
- Must be scored and selected by the SGA officers and SGA advisor

How to Submit an Application

- Visit <https://www.manateeschools.net/lakewoodranch>
- Download the SGA Application (2020-2021)
- Fill out the application with all necessary information to the best of your ability
- Include a photo of yourself (headshot only) at the bottom of the application
- Save the file as: “SGA Application (First name, Last name)”
- Email your completed application to the SGA advisor, Ms. Riggins
 - rigginsd@manateeschools.net
- Once all applications have been collected, you will be contacted regarding the date and time of your virtual interview
- **All applications due by 5/15/20**