

Convention

What is it? Convention is how we at GHS elect officers for our ASB class. Every year, students run campaigns for jobs such as President, VP, Secretary, Sr. Class Pres, etc.

Who participates? Several delegates (people from the student body who vote) are chosen by each class to attend. If a student is not chosen by their class, they are able to apply to attend through an online application.

Why would anyone want to go? Well...



Candidate Booths! Each candidate constructs a booth with a theme relating to their campaign. At this booth, they give out food and drinks.

Costumes! Every person is assigned to a delegation: that delegation has a theme (like doctors, monsters, surfers). For convention, you dress up according to your delegation. Each member of our ASB class is a head delegate, and they are in charge of giving examples to their group on how to dress up (provide info sheet with costume ideas).

Who hosts? Two seniors usually do, and conduct the day as a "skit".

How are winners decided?

After each candidate speaks, delegates vote in their delegation. Head delegates then deliver those numbers to students who count all the votes from the many delegations. At the end of the day, winners are announced through raps created by the previous officers.



Competition! Each year convention has a theme to divide up the delegations into two teams: these two teams then compete throughout the day in small activities. The one with the most activity victories wins convention.

Schedule for each election of office:

1. All candidate's videos play.
2. Questions given by previous officer to each candidate on stage. Candidates have chance to express passions and reasons for running. For President and VP, there is usually a debate.
3. Candidates then perform fun activity, engaging crowd.
4. Delegations vote on who they want to win.

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GHS Nominating Convention 2016

Candidate Information

I. Preliminary Regulations

- A. No candidate can be a Convention delegate, Page, or Sergeant of Arms.
- B. Candidates may not use the student bulletin, the ASB sound system, stickers, or the PA system to campaign.

II. Planning to run for an office:

A. Follow a calendar

- 1. Follow the calendar in this packet closely to ensure that you are prepared for all upcoming dates and deadlines set by the ASB.
- 2. Set and follow your own deadlines for your own campaign (have a date all your publicity will be done by and a date your movie will be done by and stick to it.)

B. Find support

- 1. Select a well-qualified campaign manager who will augment every aspect of your campaign.
- 2. Get a group of supporters who will contribute to your campaign and give you ideas on important issues.

C. Take a stand

- 1. Select important issues for your campaign and find a position.
- 2. To take a stand you must:
 - A. Be Consistent
 - B. Be firm
 - C. Appear confident
 - D. Have the facts from the beginning
 - E. Be willing to work hard to show people your dedication and what you believe

D. DON'T BE NEGATIVE

- 1. Do not bash other candidates in your video or in any way in your campaign.
- 2. Please stay away from bashing ASB or Grossmont in general when answering questions on stage the day of Convention.

III. Preliminary stages of Campaign

- A. Get a slogan or theme for your campaign
- B. Produce publicity
- C. Make a budget for yourself with your \$200
 - 1. THIS IS YOUR OWN MONEY.

IV. Convention

- A. Convention will be on February 10th.

B. February 9th from 3pm-7pm all candidates can go to the Old Gym in order to decorate their booth. They can also come in at 6:30am on Convention Day to finish their set up.

C. Candidates must prepare to be introduced and answer questions.

D. Videos

1. You are advised to make a video (**maximum of 5 people and 2 minutes in length**) that will be played at Convention.
2. Your video must be turned in by February 5th to be reviewed for suitability.
3. Your video must contain a speech about why you are qualified for the position you are running for and what your realistic goals are if you were to be elected (**minimum of 45 seconds**)

4. People in your video:

A. Nothing against school policy can be in your video

B. Nothing offensive, possibly offensive, or remotely offensive to any group, ethnicity, religion, race, etc. will be allowed in your skit.

C. All people in your skit must wear appropriate clothing that follows the school dress code. If your video is inappropriate (violates school rules) it WILL NOT be shown

5. **All Executive office (Pres., VP, Sec.)** candidates are allowed to have a 5 minute video with unlimited people in it.

6. Your video must contain a speech about why you are qualified for the position you are running for and what your realistic goals are if you were to be elected (**minimum of 1 minute**)

V. Voting

A. General Voting: The entire student body has the opportunity to vote on www.tallyspace.com during Convention week. Every candidate will be attending convention and they will receive 25% of the votes they totaled throughout the week.

B. Convention Voting: At convention, every delegate will have one vote for each position. Along with the votes each candidate received during the week, these votes will produce a winner. Winners for each position will be announced at Convention on March 11th.

VI. Dropping out of Elections

A. If you choose not to continue to run for the office you have petitioned for you must write a letter to ASB telling them that you wish to be removed from the ballot.

B. If you do not attend convention then you will be removed from the ballot.

Again, we remind you that violations of ANY rule or guideline is unacceptable and consequences will be strictly enforced. The ASB Advisor can immediately disqualify a candidate for violating campaign or school rules from the election.

Helpful Hints for Publicity

1. One of the surest ways to get your campaign going is to invent a theme, a slogan, a battle cry; something you can stand behind, something that represents the interests of your campaign, and something that people can identify with.

2. Let everyone know who you are and what your campaign is all about. There are a lot of ways to do this

(see below). Just remember – the most effective ideas are NEW IDEAS; so don't be afraid to try something innovative and unique. You want to get the voters attention and have them remember your name. Here are some publicity ideas:

- Picket signs (10 max)
- Classroom flyers (20 max)
- Posters (5 max) 2 required, 3 optional
- T Shirts (limit 10 for non-execs, 15 for execs)
- Campaign Buttons
- Unlimited backpack Tags
- Flags are allowed

3. Can use all ASB paint and butcher paper.

4. All publicity may be put up starting January 29th

Important: No signs are allowed off campus (Bridge over I-8, Houses behind school, etc.)

PLEASE NOTE: You must bring your own **BLUE PAINTERS TAPE** to put your flyers in classrooms and hang posters. ASB will not provide these or allow you to use ours.

Elections Guideline

1. Posters can only be hung on fences, railings, and the plywood on the Art and Science buildings.
2. You are not to use any ladders. All publicity must be hung with your feet on the ground.
3. Posters can only be hung with blue painters tape.
4. Posters may be no longer than 3 ft (butcher paper)
5. Each candidate is only allowed to have 10 posters up at any time.
6. All publicity must be cleared Mr. Hersch. Publicity may be cleared beginning Feb.22nd.
7. No sticking devices may be used on or for publicity .
8. Class may not be interrupted to in order to publicize.
9. Candidates may not put any publicity in teachers boxes or in the bulletin, over the PA system, or the ASB sound system.
10. No publicity is allowed in the ASB room or on trees.
11. 8 ½ x 11 flyers are not to be used outside of classrooms. Flyers are only to be hung in classrooms with permission of the teacher.
12. No publicity in bathroom or locker rooms.
13. NO CHALK!
14. During videos you may not pass out or throw anything.
15. Videos are due March 4th by lunch and cannot exceed 1 minute and 30 seconds in length with a maximum of 5 people. Executives (Pres, VP, Sec) can have a video up to 5 minutes with an unlimited amount of people.
16. One fireproof banner per candidate may be received in the ASB room on February 22nd and MUST be returned on March 9th to be set up for convention.
17. Limited to 15 (8 1/2 x 11) picket signs throughout the school.
- 18. DON'T DROP THE MIC EVER!!! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WILL RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM**

CANDIDACY!!!!

19. CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE NO WARNINGS. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE PUBLICITY RULES ARE BROKEN THE CANDIDATE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DROPPED FROM THE ELECTION.