



APA Student Council Application 2023-2024

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- This *APA Student Council Application* (**pages 5-8**) completely filled out and turned in to the APA office OR emailed to bgrant@hbuhsd.edu
- Give Letter of Recommendation link to a teacher and **have them complete it:** hbapa.online/council-rec
- Keep **pages 1-4** for your records

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Sign up for an interview when you submit your application: hbapa.online/council-interviews Interviews are May 1st-May 4th ranging from 1:30 pm-4:00 pm
- Confirm your Letter of Recommendation has been submitted via our google form by your teacher by April 17th: hbapa.online/council-rec
- Wait for results to be posted in June
- Add the APA Council Remind 101

INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for your interest in APA Student Council! Being on APA Council is an important job that requires a lot of time, effort, dedication and responsibility. It is also very rewarding, gives you great memories, opportunities to have fun, and gets you involved in the Academy for the Performing Arts and the decisions that affect every student. Please read this packet carefully. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations will result in disqualification. If you have any questions, please see Susan West in the APA Office. Be sure you know the deadlines and meet all of them!

Our ultimate goal is to create a council that accurately represents The Academy for the Performing Arts student body they will serve. If you are appointed to a position on the student council, please understand that it will require a significant commitment. This time commitment includes time during the summer, after school, and on weekends.

Though appointed students are responsible for planning events and being good role models, this group is designed to develop personal leadership skills and an understanding of group dynamics. It seeks to foster in students a better understanding of themselves and their capacity for leadership; to create an understanding of the importance of leadership in a democratic society; and prepare students to assume leadership roles in APA and community.

In addition the student council is responsible for supporting all departments such as attending and promoting shows and fundraisers. The council also plans many APA wide activities throughout the year including: Walk for the Arts, Valentines Day Dance, Academy Awards, and much more.

As appointed student body leaders, each member of the Student Council is to set an appropriate example for others at all times (both in and out of the Academy). You will be required to promote APA spirit and pride, attend all Student Council activities, cooperate with others, be positive, and be willing to go the extra mile. Students will be placed on probation for the following reasons: unweighted, cumulative grade point average below 2.5, violation of the district participation agreement, or inappropriate use of social media.

Sincerely,
Susan West
APA Student Council Advisor



REQUIRED EVENTS TO ATTEND AND PLAN

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1. Summer School Hybrid Class: *Principles of Leadership*

- ASB gets class credit during the year; APA Council gets their credit through this summer class.
- 10 credits! This class is project-based, not attendance based.

2. Complete a Minimum of 5 APA Promotions Every Month

- Posting on social media. Submit a picture of the post to Canvas the day you post.
- Hanging up posters in classrooms or the community. Submit screenshot of post to Canvas.
- Attend at least 1 performance of each main stage show and as many Second Stage Shows as possible that are outside of your major. Submit ticket stubs to Canvas.

3. Complete APA Community Service Hours

- Including but not limited to Second Harvest Food Bank, beach cleanups, and parent meetings.

4. Have an APA Council T-shirt and/or Cardigan

5. Attend the Following:

APA Council General Meetings

- A FINAL list of all dates will be available for all students to check.
- 2 meetings per month.

Big/Little Events

APA Council Breakfast at IHOP Beach Blvd.

- Monday, June 19th at 10am

Summer School Hybrid Class: *Principles of Leadership* (automatically enrolled if accepted to council)

- June 26th-July 13th
- July 17th-August 3rd

New APA Student Call Bank

- June 21st and June 22nd, 2023

Fourth of July Volunteer

- July 4th, 2023

Mock New Student Barbeque

- Monday, August 16th, 2023 (TBA)

New Student Barbeque

- Friday, August 18th, 2023 (TBA)

Back to School Parent Meeting

- Monday, August 28th, 2023 at 5:30pm

Orientation (first 2 days of school)

- August 30th, 2023
- August 31st, 2023

APA Walk for the Arts

- September 29th, 2023

Seal Beach Christmas Parade

- December 1st, 2023

Valentine's Day Event

APA Auditions

Academy Awards

POSITIONS INFORMATION

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Failure to attend meetings or events will result in being dropped from the student council. You must always be responsible and only sign up for events you are positive you can attend. Every Executive Board and General Member must submit a minimum of 5 APA Promos per month to stay on Council. Signing up and not showing up for an event without first telling Susan West can result in being dropped from APA council. We rely on you to have a great council!

President (Senior): Board of Directors: As APA Council president it is your duty to oversee the council as well as lead the executive board and the Board of Directors. You are the face of APA Student Council.

- Must be able to multitask, stay positive, be creative, and be a dedicated worker and leader.
- Attend all or most APA Council meetings and events you signed up for.
- Must be willing to devote many hours to APA Student Council and the Academy as a whole.
- Help run/hold all board of directors and general all council meetings with professionalism and efficiency with the Vice Presidents.
- Create and edit the Agendas for all meetings.

Vice President (Senior): Board of Directors:

- As Vice President your job is to be the backbone of APA Council.
- Must be able to multitask, stay positive, be creative, and be a dedicated worker and leader.
- Attend all or most APA Council meetings and events you signed up for.
- Help run/hold all Board of Directors and all council meetings with professionalism and efficiency along with the Council Presidents.
- Must come to all meetings & be ready to take over presidential duties if the presidents aren't available.

Junior Vice President (Junior): Board of Directors:

- Must be able to multitask, stay positive, be creative, and be a dedicated worker and leader.
- Attend all or most APA Council meetings and events you signed up for.
- Oversee the committees during Council organized events and be a representative for the Junior and underclassmen.
- Must work with the Vice President to ensure that all classes are being represented.
- Will attend the Board of Directors meetings in addition to the general Meetings.

Vice President of Big/Little (Sr or Jr) Board of Directors:

- Must be able to multitask, stay positive, be creative, and be a dedicated worker and leader.
- Attend all or most APA Council meetings and events you signed up for.
- In charge of outreach to all APA students to let them know about the Big/Little Program.
- In charge of coordinating ALL Big/Little events.
- The Big/ Little program is open to ALL APA students at all schools and not just those on council. It is your responsibility to ensure every interested student is partnered with someone and informed on all events.

House of Representatives Member (Senior, Junior or Sophomore): Executive Board Member:

As a House of Representative Member (Department Rep):

- Must be able to multitask, stay positive, be creative, and be a dedicated worker and leader.
- Attend all or most APA Council meetings and events you signed up for.
- Required to know what is going on in your department such as all main stage and second stage shows.
- Required to address council meetings of all activities going on in that department, as well as efficiently communicate with teachers and students to ensure no events are missed through Remind 101 and in person.
- You will also attend all the parent guild meetings and communicate with your guild presidents & teachers.

General Member (Senior, Junior or Sophomore):

- Must be able to multitask, stay positive, be creative, and be a dedicated worker and leader.
- Attend all or most APA Council meetings and events you signed up for.
- You must complete 5 minimum show promos a month

APPLICATION

Please turn this in as the first page.

Student Last name:	Student First name:	
Your Grade in 23-24: 10th 11th 12th	Major/Minor:	School ID #:
Cell:	School Email:	
Were you on council? _____	How many points do you have? _____	



EXECUTIVE BOARD: If you would like to be on the exec board, **rank your top 3 choices below**. (1 being your top choice, 3 being your last choice. Please **DO NOT** use an 'x' to mark).

GENERAL MEMBER: If you want to be a General Member, **only number "General Member" with a "1" and mark no other positions**. Existing council members will be considered for exec board positions first. Not everyone will be accepted to APA Council. Marking your interest in a position does not guarantee you that spot.

EXEC BOARD:

- _____ President
- _____ Vice President
- _____ Junior Vice President
- _____ Vice President of Big / Little Program
- _____ APA House of Representative

GENERAL MEMBER:

- _____ General Member

1. If you do not get chosen to be on the Exec Board, will you be a general member? YES NO

2. List all **APA Classes** you plan to be in for the 23-24 school year: _____

3. List all **extracurricular activities** you plan to participate in for the 23-24 school year (clubs, sports etc): _____

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions completely and thoughtfully.

1. Why do you want to be a part of APA Student Council?: _____

2. What are specific examples of how you have shown leadership in the past year?: _____

3. What is the #1 challenge facing our APA student community and how can we make it better?: _____

4. Plan an APA Council Event (this can be an existing or new event): _____

APA STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITMENT CONTRACT

INITIAL BELOW

_____ I agree to conduct myself in a way that evokes respect from my teachers, other school personnel, peers, and the community both during and outside of school and must have and maintain a record of good citizenship throughout the entire term of office which includes attending and being on time to all school classes on a regular basis.

_____ I understand that while social media has a large impact on advertising and the success of events, I am solely responsible for what is posted to my personal social media pages.

_____ I understand the importance of the APA New Student BBQ Event on **Friday, August 18** as well as the Mock BBQ on **Wednesday, August 16** and the important role that every APA Council member plays in the event that kicks off the start of every new APA student's experience.

_____ I understand that my contact information will be given out to fellow Council members.

_____ I understand that student leadership will require after school, night & weekend attendance and all council members must volunteer for additional events throughout the year or risk being removed from APA Council.

_____ I understand that APA Council uses Canvas. I know it is NOT an official grade and will NOT reflect on my GPA. Canvas is a way to keep track of your participation, commitment, and attendance.

_____ I understand that if I sign up for an event then I am committing to being in attendance to that event. If I fail to show up without proper notification then I may be removed from APA Council.

_____ I understand I must do a minimum of 5 show promotions every month. If I fail to do any show promotions for consecutive months then I may be removed from APA Council.

_____ I understand that these are the expectations of Council and if I am unable to abide by the above agreements, I may be put on probationary status or removed from Council.

I, _____, (**Student Name**) hereby accept the responsibility of becoming an official representative of the HB The Academy for the Performing Arts as well as the APA Student Council and will act accordingly.

I, _____, (**Parent/Guardian Name**) have read and understand the above agreements. I also understand that APA Student Council **REQUIRES** after school, evening and weekend attendance and gives approval for my son/daughter to apply for APA Student Council.

X _____
Student Signature

X _____
Parent Signature

Date: _____