**Walton High School Student Government Association (SGA)**

***2025-2026 Election Information – Election Day 8/21 & 8/22 during Homeroom (dates are tentative)***

Thank you for your interest in Walton’s Student Government Association. Included you will find all of the information you will need to run for a class office. Please read all of the information carefully. Some things to remember as you consider running for office:

* Before committing to run for office, consider your responsibilities for next year. YOU WILL FIND ALL OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SGA CONSTITUTION FOUND ON THE SGA WEBSITE.
* The Walton Student Government Association (SGA) will need to be an important priority for you. Think about how you will give the necessary time for meetings, projects, and your officer responsibilities when you may also be involved in sports, other organizations, or a job. We want you to be involved, but do not commit to more responsibilities than you can cover. It is better to do a good job on one thing than a poor job on several things! ***You will be required to fulfill 8 hours of service in the one semester and 4 hours the other semester.***
* There will be 4 class officers and 4 class representatives for each grade level. Class representatives will be chosen from the students with the second highest number of votes for each Officer position.
* If you are elected, you will be required to pay a one-time $30 fee to cover your SGA t-shirt and other incidental costs. Dues not being paid by November 1 will increase to $40. Dues not paid by January 1 will result in immediate dismissal from office.
* First SGA meeting will be Friday, ***Aug. 29, 2025 at 7:30 am in the Room 403.***

**Please carefully read the following important information:**

**If you are applying for a class officer, you will be expected to tape a video speech (tentatively 8/12, or 8/13 after school) to be shown to your classmates before voting occurs. Instructions for the video and campaign regulations will be sent out to class officer nominees via email from an SGA Executive Board officer on 8/10/2025. DO NOT START CAMPAIGNING UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY AN SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICER. ABSOLUTELY NO CAMPAIGNING BEFORE FRIDAY 8/15!!!**

**WALTON FACUTLY ADVISORS TO SGA:**

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| Responsibility | Advisor | Responsibility | Sponsor |
| Administrator | Stephanie Santoro | Seniors | Jamie Bell  Sarah Hart |
| Juniors | Lynette Ebbert  Lindsey Turner |
| SGA | Karen Duncan  Ashlee Storey | Sophomores | Emma Wright |
| Freshmen | TBA |

**General Walton SGA Member Responsibilities:**

1. **Attend all SGA meetings and sponsored activities.**

**Meetings will be held at 7:30AM on the Second Friday morning of the month**. Understanding that academics take precedence, attendance to both meetings is vital to the success of our administration. **Absences will not be tolerated** – students who miss more than two meeting or who are consistently absent at other SGA activities without a valid excuse will be removed from office. Activities include, but are not limited to:

* + Fund Raising and Community Service
  + School Spirit Activities (including Homecoming and Winterfest)
  + Publicity
  + Class Sports Events

1. All members must volunteer to participate in at least one committee throughout the year.

**Election Guidelines and Regulations:**

1. Grades, conduct, and discipline records for all who run for office will be checked. Students who are not in good standing will not be allowed to run for office. If it comes to the Advisor’s attention that any member of SGA has issues in the classroom with grades or conduct, he/she has been referred to an administrator, and the student may be removed from office. Grades (3.0 or better), conduct (must be satisfactory or better), and discipline record (good standing) will be checked before a candidate is eligible to run for office.
2. Students failing to follow election guidelines will be disqualified.

**SGA Application:**

Complete the Microsoft form on the SGA Website or by using the QR code below to apply by Friday, Aug. 8th, 4 pm**. No applications will be accepted after 4pm on Friday!**

***Applicants with incomplete applications will be considered ineligible for participation in SGA elections, and their names will be withheld from the ballot.***

***Other notes: Make sure your e-mail address is correct so any SGA correspondence will be correctly electronically delivered. Be sure to check your email on the evening of 8/10 for information pertaining to election dates and requirements.***

Weblink: <https://forms.office.com/r/Mqd9hPM6BZ>

