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

***2025-2026 Election Information – Election Day 1st week of school***

I appreciate your interest in Walton’s Student Government Association. You will find all 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) must be your essential priority. Consider how you will give the necessary time for meetings, projects, and 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 must fulfill 8 hours of service in the Fall and 4 hours in the Spring semesters.***
* 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 elected, you must 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.
* The first SGA meeting will be announced at the start of the 2025-26 school year***.***

**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 between 5/1 and 5/7 after school) to be shown to your classmates before voting occurs. Instructions for the video and campaign regulations will be emailed to class officer nominees via email from an SGA Executive Board officer on 4/30/2025. YOU MAY NOT START CAMPAIGNING UNTIL THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT CAMPAINING BEFORE, THEN YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BALLOT.**

**WALTON FACULTY ADVISORS TO SGA:**

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| Responsibility | Advisor | Responsibility | Sponsor |
| Administrator | Stephanie Santoro | Seniors |  Jamie BellSarah Hart |
| Juniors | Lynette EbbertLindsey Turner |
| SGA | Karen Duncan | Sophomores | Emma Wright |
| Freshmen | TBA |

**General Walton SGA Member Responsibilities:**

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

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

* + Fundraising and Community Service
	+ School Spirit Activities (including Homecoming and Winterfest)
	+ Publicity
	+ Class Sports Events
1. All members must volunteer for at least one yearly committee.

**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 with grades or conduct in the classroom, they have 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 use the QR code below to apply by Monday, April 28th, 4 pm.

***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 4/30 for information about election video dates and campaigning requirements.***

Weblink: <https://forms.office.com/r/9UTzrsu9zt>

