

STUDENT COUNCIL

AT RIVERSIDE ICAP

Why have a Student Council?

- ◆ First, we want to develop a greater sense of camaraderie and relationship within our ICAP high school students. Homeschooling in high school can leave young people feeling isolated and disconnected, even from their own churches. And, although they may know that the best close relationships will most likely come from within the homeschool community, sometimes those relationships are difficult to develop.
- ◆ Secondly, we see in our ICAP high school students, young people ready to take on new leadership positions and areas of responsibility. They are very capable individuals looking for places to lead where they will be respected and admired by others. They are ready for a measure of self-government and peer accountability. But they need a very safe place to "practice".
- ◆ Thirdly, as Christian young people, we want them to derive enjoyment from serving others as well as planning their own fun. They don't need "just another youth group". We want to give them a place where they plan events for others, and then reap the benefits of their hard work by enjoying periodic fun times together.
- ◆ Fourthly, as our high school students look forward to completing college applications and job resumes, an important consideration in gaining access to both of these may be what kind of extra curricular or community service activities the students have taken part in. Being able to list that they have served on their high school Student Council definitely looks impressive.

How much time is involved?

- ◆ Student Council meetings will be held one Saturday evening each month. These will be the **mandatory** "business" meetings. At these meetings the Council will learn to build on the varied strengths and abilities of each member of the Council, make their plans for upcoming events, delegate responsibilities, evaluate the effectiveness of previous events, enjoy munchies, and have fun!
- ◆ Outside of these once a month mandatory Saturday meetings, the **required** commitments will center around Event Weeks which will be held during lunchtime at Riverside ICAP on Tuesdays. Responsibilities will work around each student's class schedule on Tuesdays.

- ◆ In addition, there will be occasional "student council member only" social events students may take part in.

Who can be involved?

- ◆ Riverside ICAP Student Council is open to all high school students who are enrolled in at least one class at Riverside ICAP. Parents are always welcome, but younger siblings must wait until they are formally in 9th grade.

Is there adult leadership?

- ◆ YES! As we looked at the needs of our young people, we began to pray for the right person to be their Advisor who would share our vision for what a Student Council within the homeschool community could be. We needed someone who would be skilled at facilitating the kind of constructive, purposeful, God honoring interaction that we would want to characterize this group. When Carrie Brown offered to head up a student government organization, we were delighted.

Carrie was involved in student government in various ways throughout her high school and college experience and understands the needs of youth. She also shares our vision for what we want our ICAP Student Council to be. As you get to know her, we are confident that you will find her to be God's perfect choice for this position.

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