

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Clubs and club activities are an important part of the school program. The administration urges all students to participate in at least one club. Please remember, in all clubs and activities, you represent yourself, your school and your community.

In order to maintain membership in a club, a student must adhere to club attendance policies and all other club regulations. All students participating in extracurricular activities must follow the guidelines where applicable, as set forth by the State Board of Education, local school and board policies, and the Georgia High School Association. Any student involved in any club activity is under the jurisdiction of the school.

Any conduct deemed improper during the club activities-either at school or away will be dealt with by the club sponsor and principal. Any club/activity must be approved by the Irwin County Board of Education.

All club sponsors will provide prospective members with a student code of conduct for their organization including name, mission or purpose, name of advisor, and planned or past activities. Upon review of the organization code of conduct, parents/guardians may decline permission in writing for his/her student to participate in a club's activities.

Student Council

The purpose of this organization is to provide students opportunity for participation in school policies and to promote the welfare of the school and community. The members of the Student Council will be the elected homeroom representatives, the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade class presidents, and the presidents of each club. No student who has been convicted by the courts of any illegal activity or has been deemed by the administration to be a continual discipline problem may serve on the Student Council. The Student Council Advisor will be responsible for organizing the election of class officers and homeroom representatives.

The Student Council will meet at least once each nine weeks and as needed to discuss student issues and concerns. The Council will regularly address the administration on behalf of the student body and will attend local Board of Education meetings to voice student concerns.

The Student Council will be responsible for organizing the Homecoming Parade and Dance. All clubs are expected to have an entry in the Homecoming Parade. Elected Student Council members are expected to support Student Council sponsored ICHS activities.

The junior class president, junior class officers and junior representatives will be responsible for organizing the Junior-Senior Prom.

Homecoming Court Guidelines:

1. On Election Day, students will cast ballots in homeroom to determine each grade level representative to the court.
2. The top two vote recipients in grades 9 – 11 and the top 6 vote recipients in grade 12 will be named to the Homecoming Court.
3. During the Homecoming Week Festivities, students will cast ballots in homeroom for the ONE senior Homecoming Queen to be crowned.
4. Homecoming Court members must have never been assigned/served OSS/ACE and must also be on track for graduation.
5. If a student does anything that violates the law after being voted onto the court they will be removed from the court.

Homecoming Dance Guidelines:

1. Students in grades nine through twelve may attend the dance.
2. The dance will be held in the school cafeteria immediately after the Homecoming game.
3. Students attending the dance will not be permitted to leave and then return to the dance.
4. Illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, or tobacco) are prohibited.
5. Students suspected of being under the influence or in possession of illegal substances will be checked and dealt with appropriately.

Junior-Senior Prom Guidelines:

1. Only juniors and seniors and their dates may attend the dance.
2. The prom will be offered to the students as long as the following deadlines are met:
 - a. At least 30% of the junior and senior classes combined commit to attend (in writing) at least 45 calendar days prior to prom.
 - b. At least 20% of the junior and senior classes combined pay to attend the dance at least 30 calendar days prior to the dance.
3. If there is insufficient participation to offer a prom, students will be offered a senior walk, without a prom. All couples participating in the senior walk will pay a nominal fee. If there is no dance, a queen and king will be crowned at the walk.
4. After prom pictures are completed and students return from dinner to attend the dance, students will not be permitted to leave and then return to the dance.
5. Illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, or tobacco) are prohibited.
6. Students suspected of being under the influence or in possession of illegal substances will be checked and dealt with appropriately.

Beta Club – *T. Spell and A. Griffin*

The purpose of this organization is the promotion of scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at ICHS. Membership is comprised of students in grades 9-12 who have maintained a cumulative average of 90 or above in college prep courses and have been approved by the principal.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - *P. Snyder*

This organization attempts "to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving him in their relationships and in the fellowship of church."

FFA – *C. Paulk, W. Paulk*

This organization helps students develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Members learn leadership skills by developing individual agricultural projects, participating in Career Development Events, and getting involved in the many fun activities that Irwin FFA has to offer.

Future Business Leaders of America – *S. Brown*

This national organization is open to all students interested in pursuing a business or business-related career. Members learn leadership skills through community service and participation in organization activities and competitions designed to promote career development.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America - *A. Phelps*

This dynamic and effective national student organization helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through family and consumer science education. Benefits of membership include chances to travel and make new friends, development of employability skills, and the chance to help others through community service projects.

4-H – *County Extension Agents*

This club offers various activities and events for young people to satisfy their basic needs and interests. Members learn through participating in project work, conducting programs, performing before groups and by teaching others.

International Thespian Society - *W. McFarland*

Thespians are members of an international organization which works to support speech and drama related activities. These activities help to develop theatrical skills, while encouraging cooperation, discipline and self-expression.

Spanish Club - *J. Griner*

This organization is devoted to the enrichment of the Spanish curriculum at ICHS. Their goal is to further the understanding of the language and customs of the Hispanic world while providing a social outlet for students who share these interests.

Technology Student Association – *D. Pridgen*

The mission of TSA is to prepare its members to be successful leaders and responsible citizens in a technological society through co-curricular activities within the technology education program; which includes communication, leadership, and competitive skill development in the classroom/laboratory environment.

JROTC - *R. Gavin*

Enrollment in the Army Junior ROTC Program at Irwin County High School is an important step toward a student's future. Success in any career requires leadership. The ability to lead can be learned and developed. This is what the JROTC program is about - leadership, self-discipline, and the ability to get things organized. While Army JROTC provides an opportunity to acquire basic military skills, its primary goal is to develop good citizens. In this regard, the JROTC Program instills in the student that first and foremost they are citizens of their high school, community and their country, the United States of America.

The State Board of Education has approved a waiver to void the requirement of one unit of credit in health and physical education if the student earns three or more units of credit in JROTC courses. This means that a student can take three years of JROTC and void the requirement to take Health and Personal Fitness.

B.A.S.S Fishing Club - *Guy*

Field Trip Activities

Students must complete an *Excused Absences Permission Form for Field Trips* before they are permitted to go on any school sponsored field trip. The form must be completed in the following manner:

1. The student's teachers sign the form and indicate whether or not the student is passing and if any test or work needs to be completed before going on the field trip.
2. The parents/guardians, after reviewing the teacher information, sign the form if they approve and give permission for their child to attend the field trip.

- a. Club or activity sponsors should distribute the *Excused Absences Permission Form for Field Trips* in a timely manner so students can complete the form properly and in advance of the day of the field trip.
- b. An alphabetized roster of students approved to go on the field trip will be provided by the club or activity sponsor to the office and to all teachers **at least one day** in advance.
- c. Students who attend or participate in any activity conducted for the benefit of students, whether school sponsored or supported by private organizations such as booster clubs, sports organizations or similar groups are subject to the ICHS Code of Conduct. Such participation begins immediately upon departure from campus and continues until return with the exception of students who are picked up and signed out properly by their parent/guardian.
- d. All field trips must be properly chaperoned as established by the GHSA (Georgia High School Association) and local school board policies.
- e. **No student is permitted to drive a vehicle on school sponsored trips.** Parents/Guardians are allowed to drive vehicles on school sponsored trips only with approval of the administration.
- f. **Students who have chronic health issue must have a doctor's note to attend overnight trips.**

Fundraising Activities

All fundraising projects must first be submitted to the principal and then approved by the board of education.

Class Officers

Class officers will be elected in the fall to represent their class, to provide leadership in class activities, and to promote school spirit. Elections will be coordinated by the Student Council Advisor.

Voting procedure is as follows:

1. Homeroom teachers will meet with each grade level class separately to discuss the responsibilities of being a class officer and election procedure for class officers.
2. The members of each class will be listed alphabetically on the class officer ballot unless a student specifically asks not to be included.
3. On election day, students will circle the names of four students
4. The student with the most votes will be the class president
5. The students who receive the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th most votes will meet with the elected class president and a grade level advisor to decide who will serve as the class vice-president, secretary, and treasurer according to their interests.

Senior Representatives – *D. Vassey, Administration*

A Senior Representative is one who represents the student body as an outstanding, well-rounded school citizen and is involved in the total school program throughout his/her high school career. An ICHS Senior Representative exemplifies what each senior should be and does just a little more to make ICHS and Irwin County the best school/community possible.

Qualifications for Senior Representative:

1. Be in four of the same extracurricular activities for three years, or
2. Be in three of the same extracurricular activities for four years, or
3. Be in two extracurricular activities for four years plus four other activities.
4. Have never been assigned/served OSS/ACE or received excessive discipline reports.
5. Be on track for graduation at the end of junior year and remain on track during senior year.

Senior Class Favorites – *D. Vassey, Administration*

All seniors who are on track to graduate will be listed on a voting ballot. Their senior peers will use this ballot to vote for Senior Superlatives. Seniors will be able to receive only two superlative positions. If a senior receives the highest votes on more than two categories, she/he will receive the superlative in the two categories for which she/he had the highest number of votes. Mr. and Miss ICHS will also be elected on this ballot. Mr. and Miss ICHS will be elected by their senior peers from those students who have qualified as senior representatives.