

Golden West Electives Requiring Applications

(The following electives require this application to be completed and turned in by 2/9/18 to be considered for the class)

Leadership Course Overview

Leadership is a yearlong, activity-based course designed to develop skills in planning, implementing, and evaluating projects for the school and our community as a whole. The goal of this class is to develop student leaders that positively represent the voices of the school, while selflessly serving the community, both on and off campus. Students will learn techniques to develop skills and behaviors of good leadership, including: goal-setting, time management, communication skills, human relations, managerial skills, project management, evaluation, and self-awareness. These techniques will be studied and applied in a real world setting as students carryout the business of student government, while promoting a positive school environment for all students, through various school projects such as dances, spirit days, rallies, and fundraising events.

Robotics Course Overview

The Golden West Middle School Robotics teams, the RoboStangs, build and program their own robots to complete a specific task each year. Each team must work together through all stages of the process, from concept designs to competition. Within each team, students will be assigned to particular duties (which can sometimes overlap): designer, builder, programmer, or driver.

If selected for the team, **you will be enrolled in the robotics elective**. Robotics ALSO meets for an hour after school 2-3 times a week, therefore students and parents must arrange transportation (there is a late bus when robotics ends for bus riders). All parts, computers, and required materials will be provided to students.

Yearbook Course Overview

Yearbook is a yearlong course designed to teach you the skills required to create your school Yearbook. You will produce a book by devoting your time to learning your rights and responsibilities as a student journalist. You will be expected to meet all deadlines, take photographs and interview others. You will develop student leadership and decision-making skills. It is important to find ways to include everyone and produce a yearbook the staff, the school and the community can enjoy. This course will also teach you ways to execute a marketing plan to sell the yearbook and 8th grade ads. If you decide to be a part of the Yearbook Staff, you agree to take responsibility for your actions whenever you are out in the school or larger community fulfilling your yearbook responsibilities. You must act as a representative of the entire class.

To Be Verified by a Staff Member of the Student's School

Attendance

Student was absent _____ days of the 2017-2018 school year.

_____ Signature & Date

Behavior

Student has served _____ detentions/days of SAS during the 2017-2018 school year.

_____ Signature & Date

Please select which elective you are applying for. If more than one, please number based on preference.

_____ Leadership

_____ Robotics

_____ Yearbook

Student initial next to each item:

_____ I understand that participating in this course means I shall conduct myself accordingly at all times.

_____ I commit to help with any and all activities/programs during the school year. This may include time out of the school day, including some night and weekend events.

_____ I commit to maintaining the qualifications that are required as listed below:

1. Maintaining a 'C' average or above in all classes
2. Maintaining good attendance at school
3. Maintaining good character (Trustworthy, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship)
4. Maintaining good behavior

_____ I understand that I will be getting a grade for this class and commit to completing all assigned coursework.

Parents:

These electives require duties that demand a great deal of time both during and after school. The activities require a team effort from each member of the class. Your support will be needed so that they can meet the responsibilities of the course chosen. Your signature signifies that you have seen this form and are aware of your child's intention to get involved in the Leadership, Robotics and/or Yearbook.

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____

Parent Email _____ Date _____

Each application requires

1. This form completely filled out
2. Written Essay (form attached)
3. One Teacher Recommendation (form attached)

This form and attached essay are to be stapled and turned in to the front office of your school by **2/9/18**.

*The teacher recommendation form will be turned into the front office by the teacher.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Elective Application

Teacher Recommendation

Student Name: _____

Current Grade: _____

Circle which elective student is applying for: Leadership Robotics Yearbook

Teachers: In order to insure confidentiality, upon completing this form, please put it in an envelope or seal it some way, and return it to the front office.

Character Counts:

Please circle where you think the student performs in the following categories.
(1=low and 5=high)

Trustworthiness	1	2	3	4	5
Respect	1	2	3	4	5
Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5
Fairness	1	2	3	4	5
Caring	1	2	3	4	5

Teacher's comments about student (confidential remarks):

Teacher's Name _____ Teacher's Signature _____

***Teachers:** The more information you can give us about this student, the better.
Please return all recommendations to your front office by **2/9/18**.