

Thomas County Middle School
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Dear Parents:

As part of House Bill 1187, every school must form a school council consisting of the school principal, two parents, two business parents (elected by parents), and two teachers (elected by teachers). School councils in Thomas County may also select a business representative. Councils will meet **four times a year** at the school and will serve in an advisory capacity. Training is conducted in the fall.

Qualifications to serve as a parent representative:

- 1) Must be 18 years of age or older; 2) Must have a child enrolled in the school during the 2014-2015 school year; and
- 3) Must be willing to serve two complete years

Note:

A. An employee of the school system may serve as a parent representative on the council of a school in which his or her child is enrolled if the employee works at a different school or at the county office.

B. While terms of office are for two years, if a child is in attendance at the school for only one year, the parent/guardian of the child enrolled in the school are eligible to vote and hold office for that one year.

C. School board members are disqualified from serving on school councils but are allowed to vote as a parent from an electing body.

D. The qualifying person may serve on only one school council in the system in any given year.

E. Each parent or legal guardian will be allowed one vote for the parent representative on the school council regardless of the number of children enrolled in the school.

We are now ready to begin accepting nominations at Thomas County Middle School for school council representatives. This year we have openings on our school council for one parent. We are accepting nominations until August 19, 2014, 4:00 p.m. School council elections will be held at Thomas County Middle School during our Parent Nights, August 19 and August 21. If you wish to have your name entered on the school council ballot, please email Kathy Keown at kkeown@rose.net or call Kathy Keown at 229-225-4394, ext. 105.

Sincerely,

Kathy Keown
Principal