**Terms of Office:**

**What to Know about being a Team Representative and Core Member**

**Members**

Student Council is composed of officers, team representatives, and core members. Officers are chosen by the previous school year’s council. Team representatives are assigned a Loftis homeroom, representing that teacher’s homeroom class. Core members help the group at-large.

**Purpose**

Student Council members are student leaders who represent their peers. They care about their school and desire to assist through service; they also aim to serve their surrounding community. Members will take any school concerns from their peers and voice them to the council.

Mission Statement: To promote the general welfare of the school, to further better student-faculty relations, to provide for expression of student ideas and suggestions, to plan and implement school activities, and to better encourage citizenship within our community.

**Expectations**

1. Must come to meetings, take notes, and be involved in our service projects. At meetings, you are to report any of your fellow students’ concerns or suggestions about Loftis Middle to the Council. You are responsible for communication between the Student Council and the Student Body. After any concerns are discussed, the Council will then bring any school-wide concerns to the administration and/or faculty. Regular meetings occur once a month after school (on a Wednesday) in the school library, lasting until 3 p.m. (unless a longer meeting is needed). Meetings will be posted on the school calendar at loftismiddle.com. Emergency, committee, and special event meetings will be announced in advance.

2. When directed, representatives report information to his/her homeroom.

3. Must be involved within the Loftis community and Chattanooga/Hixson/Soddy Daisy community, by his/her service. 4 hours of service will be required each semester (a total of 8 per school year). Involvement in after school Council outreach activities (not general meetings) will count toward hours, with the remainder being the responsibility of the member to earn, document, and submit.

4. Only 3 unexcused absences are allowed in a year. Excused absences from meetings include a parent or doctor note. If possible, please let Mrs. Poe or Mrs. Jordan know in advance of your absence.

5. Must maintain a “C” average in each class at the 9-week reports. A grade lower than a “C” will result in probation until the next grading period. A conduct grade of “N” will also result in probation. A conduct grade of “U” is unacceptable of Council members.