

2021 Candidate School Questionnaire

Candidate School: Wakefield Middle
Office: Central District Middle School Vice Chair
Student Designee: Mattie Rolls Sochacki **Advisor:** Gina DeBose

1. How does your school plan to fulfill the responsibilities of this position?

We will continue the work started by the current District Officers by reaching out to build connections with other schools in the state to hopefully increase membership in the association and promote the objectives of the NCASC.

2. What are your student councils qualifications?

Wakefield Middle Student Council has a strong student council that works hard, supports one another, and participates in our community. We have been a member of NCASC for the past 5 years and have attended fall district conferences, middle level workshops, state conventions, and Mars Hill. This past year we also attended the virtual regional and national conferences over the summer. Our school has served as the Central District Middle School Vice Chair and the 2nd Vice president for state. Being part of the NCASC Executive Board this past year gave us invaluable experience in working together virtually to bring quality conferences to the state.

We have the support of our advisor, our Principal, and our school community.

3. Why did your student council decide to be a candidate for this position?

The Wakefield Middle Student Council decided to be a candidate for Central District Middle School Vice Chair because we have enjoyed the experience in the NCASC community and being able to relate and learn from other leaders in the association. We see this experience as an opportunity for continued growth as a council and as a community.

Our council believes that Mattie will be a perfect representative for this position because she showed exemplary leadership skills in helping plan the Emerging Leaders Conference. She has proven to be responsible and has shown she can balance her time between her schoolwork and extracurriculars.

4. What are your student council's goals as a NCASC state or district school?

We would like to bring more awareness about the organization and what it has to offer to other schools/leaders in the state. We began working with schools in our area this year by making personal contacts and hope to continue this process with students and schools that have shown interest.

It would be nice to find ways to be more inclusive. Finding ways to bridge language barriers and financial barriers that often prohibit participation could be a focus of our next Executive Board. We have already started that process by offering Virtual Conferences.