

2021 Candidate School Questionnaire

Candidate School: Wakefield Middle
Office: 2nd Vice President School
Student Designee: Kayla Gicovi **Advisor:** Gina DeBose

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

We plan to carry our position with the same respect and honor that we have in the past. As the current 2nd VP School, we had the opportunity to plan the recent Emerging Leaders Conference which taught us to be versatile leaders in a virtual world. We hope to put our efforts in planning an in-person experience at Betsy Jeff-Penn Center, but if not we will work together and be ready to build on our experience from this year to bring about another quality virtual conference.

We will continue to work on reaching out to build connections with other schools in the state to hopefully increase membership in the association.

2. What are your student council's qualifications?

Wakefield Middle Student Council has a strong student council that 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 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 this 2nd VP because we have enjoyed the experience in the NCASC community and being able to relate and learn from young future leaders of tomorrow. We see this experience as an opportunity for continued growth as a council. Our council believes that Kayla is a perfect representative for our school because she has been a participant in student council since 3rd grade. This year she balanced her duty as 7th grade VP along with other extracurriculars (Science Olympiad and MathCounts) and her grades.

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

As an officer school, we hope 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. We also think we should start planning for a return to in-person events, but feel like there is an opportunity moving forward to blend what has worked within the virtual setting with what works in person. The NCASC may want to think about offering both to reach those that may not be able to travel or afford in-person events. In this way, we can be a more inclusive organization.