



Why join the Youth Advisory Council?

What is the YAC?

The YAC is a Council advisory committee made up of Gresham-area students in grades 9-12.

The mission of YAC is to educate and serve the Gresham community through meaningful activities, educating our peers, appreciating diversity, and developing supportive partnerships between our schools and community.

Why Join?

Gresham's YAC is a fun and hands-on opportunity for students to learn about our local government. You'll get to serve our community, advise local leadership on issues facing youth, gain college and work/internship preparedness, and make connections and friendships.

Things to expect from YAC

- YAC members serve for a one-year term starting in September and can serve more than one term.
- Two meetings per month, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4-5:30 p.m. Meetings alternate from in-person at Gresham City Hall or virtually.
- Educational presentations from City departments to learn about the inner workings of the city.
- Tours of City facilities such as the Police and Fire departments and City Council chambers.
- Meet and greet with the Gresham Mayor, City Councilors, and other elected officials.
- Volunteer projects.
- Field trips.

YAC goals

- Finding creative and effective ways to educate our public concerning issues affecting Gresham's youth.
- Empowering our YAC and Gresham youth to learn and pursue an internship or career with local government.
- Provide collaboration and feedback to elected officials and city decision makers regarding public issues, projects, and proposals that have an impact on youth.
- Create a space where YAC members can learn, grow, create friendships, and participate in civic life, as well as experience opportunities that will help prepare YAC members for life after high school graduation.

YAC membership requirements

- Students interested in joining YAC must apply to the YAC advisors by 5 p.m. Oct. 14.
- After applications are reviewed, interviews may be held to complete member selection.



- Between 15-20 students are selected to serve on the committee each school year. Students must attend a school listed on the application or be residents of the area if homeschooled or enrolled in a private, charter, or alternative school.

Questions? Reach out to ...

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Learn more and apply online at GreshamOregon.gov/Youth-Advisory-Council

