

Student Leadership Programs: Inspiring Greatness in Youth

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Student Leadership Think Tank



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- What does student leadership mean to me?
- What qualities are needed for good student leadership?
- How can students demonstrate leadership in the classroom, school and community?
- How will others benefit from student leadership?
- What activities exist or can be created to encourage student leadership?

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Why Get Involved?

- To be proactive and not reactive
- To instill in students a sense of belonging and connectedness to their peers and school community
- To help students become resourceful and service-minded agents of change working collectively toward a common good in their present and future lives.
- To provide students with experiences that
 - build character
 - boost resiliency
 - promote a sense of purposefulness



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Leadership Principles

- **Help youth learn specific knowledge and skills related to leadership.**
- Enable youth to understand the history, values and beliefs of their society.
- Facilitate the development of individual strengths and leadership styles.
- Facilitate the development of ethics, values and ethical reasoning.
- **Promote awareness, understanding, and tolerance of other people, cultures and societies.**
- Embody high expectations of, confidence in, and respect for the teens served.
- Emphasize experiential learning and provide opportunities for genuine leadership.
- **Involve young people in service to others, to their community, their country and their world.**
- Facilitate self-reflection and processing of learning both individually and cooperatively.
- **Involve youth in collaborative experiences, teamwork and networking with peers.**
- Involve youth in significant relationships with mentors, positive role models, or other nurturing adults.
- Be developed around stated purposes and goals.

Ways to Use Student Leaders



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- Serve as greeters or buddies to incoming students who are new to the school
- Give an informal tour to new students, introducing them to other peers, answering any questions they might have
- Provide more formal tours to visitors in the building, working directly with prospective parents.
- Identify students who could co-lead or assist with activities during core curriculum lessons (FKA classroom guidance)
- Technology Specialist
- Peer Helper Program
- Provide students with a leadership role in all school events (e.g., public speaking at open house, orientations, parent association meetings).
- Offer students a leadership role in admissions outreach to feeder schools. Match students to their former feeder schools in these efforts.
- With adult supervision, provide structured activities during parent nights.
- Staff Appreciation Events
- Promote Schoolwide Events
- Youth take the lead in planning and carrying out a search of community resources for youth

Sample Programs

Grade Level Specific

Gender Specific

Schoolwide

Grade Level Specific



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	ACADEMIC	BEHAVIOR/ SOCIAL <u>No Place for Hate</u>	CAREER	SERVICE PROJECTS (Examples)
6 TH Grade	Test Taking Tips Promo	Dramatization of Handling Conflicts	Learning Styles Activities	Toys for Tots
7 TH Grade	Homework Club	Diversity Summit	Career Cluster Spotlight	Rivers of the World Education Packet
8 TH Grade	Peer Tutoring Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Mediation Program Mix It Up Day 	Career Day	Operation Cardboard: Helping the Homeless

Gender Specific

Men of Change

- Male Facilitator
- Dress for Success
- Discuss range of topics important to gender/Theme Based Lessons
- Field Trip
- Mentors from Community
- Job Shadowing with successful males
- Celebrate Accomplishments
- Community Service
- Male Leadership Breakfast



Ladies of Distinction

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- Female Facilitator
- Same ideas as on the left
- Female Leadership Breakfast
- [Empowerment videos from powerful women](#)
- Book Clubs
- Skill Development
- Leadership Themed Days
- [Girl Tips](#)

Schoolwide

- Fundraisers (for school & special causes)
- School Events (Lunch 'O Mania, Dodge Ball, Dances, Assemblies)
- Transitioning to Middle School Activities
- School Beautification Projects
- Meet the Board Night
- Beyond the Walls
- Spirit Weeks
- Food and/or Clothing Drives
- Community Service Projects (by teams or by individual classes)



Leadership Training Resources



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- [Success for Teens](#)
- [Growing Leaders Resources](#)
- [GRIP Leadership](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Project Toolkit](#)
- [Self-Evaluation for Youth Leaders](#)
- [101 Ways to Recognize...](#)

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Service Oriented Ideas

- [Community Service: Middle & High School Kids](#)
- [Service Learning](#)
- [Animals, Seniors, Environment, Troops, Helping Other Kids](#)
- [35+ Service Projects for Kids](#)
- [366 Community Service Ideas](#)
- Consider the needs of your community.

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All Levels

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Best Practices for Themed Days/Weeks/Months

Presentation Time:
2:00 PM

Elementary

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ASCAs Mindsets and Behaviors for Your Core Curriculum Lessons
(for new school counselors)

Presentation Time:
2:00 PM

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Value Added Career Activities

Presentation Time:
11:00 AM

Middle

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ASCAs Mindsets and Behaviors for Your Core Curriculum Lessons
(for new school counselors)

Presentation Time:
2:00 PM

High

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Spicing Up Your College Counseling Initiatives

Presentation Time:
2:00 PM

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