Student Leadership through ASPIRE Ambassadors

Presented by:
The vision of the ASPIRE Student Leadership Ambassador training is to develop and promote leadership skills among a select group of students from local school districts who are currently participating in ASPIRE that will transfer to school, home and community. The program trains on select topics of character, trust, respect, integrity, goal setting, public speaking, service & sacrifice and responsibility to name a few. Upon completion, the ASLA will have the skills to present and promote on the benefits of ASPIRE that include self-determination and self-advocacy.
What Leadership Skills Do They Learn?

- Identifying Strengths
- Team Work
- Respect & Ethics
- Problem Solving
- Confidence
- Goal Setting
- Communication & Listening
- Rights and Responsibilities & Character
- Conflict Resolution & Integrity/Trust
- Public Speaking, Service & Practice
History Timeline

Heart of Georgia Region

- 2015/2016 - ASPIRE Student Advisory Council Created - Dodge County Participation
- 2016/2017 - ASPIRE Student Leadership Ambassadors (ASLA) Created
  ○ Focus on leadership skills among a select group of students from local school districts
- 2017/2018 - ASPIRE Ambassadors expanded - participation from Dodge, Treutlen, & Bleckley County School Districts
- 2018/2019 - Expanded to include students from Laurens and Telfair County School Districts - Included SDI/SDLMI training with teachers and students
- 2019/2020 - Scheduling Conflicts - Some Modules placed online...then COVID
- 2020/2021 - Hoping for a great year!
Who are the ASPIRE Ambassadors
ASPIRE Ambassador Application Process

ASPIRE Ambassadors

The ASPIRE Ambassador Program is designed to teach leadership skills to students with disabilities who already are student leaders in their school, community, and/or home. Students chosen to be ASPIRE Ambassadors must be involved with the implementation of ASPIRE in their school, district or school and be a middle school or high school student. Chosen students must attend two trainings: one in the Spring and another in the Fall. Additional training will be provided as needed.

The attached photo/video release form must be signed and returned with this registration. Please email the completed registration form and the photo/video release form to amanda@6elas.org.

Registration

Student Name
First Name
Last Name
Grade
Date
Yes, I am participating in this application program

Student Name
Date
Yes, I am participating in this application program

Parent/Student Relationship

Education Information

Signature

Participating
Student
Participating Teacher/Staff

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Student Full Name: __________
Parent Full Name: __________
Street Address/P.O. Box: __________
City: __________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________
Phone: __________ Email Address: __________

Parent Signature: __________
Date: __________

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How are the Ambassadors Chosen?

Ambassadors are chosen by staff and teachers at each school. The application process is a contract type document requiring signatures of the Student, Parent, Special Education Director, Teacher and the Principal.
Educational Benefits

The leadership skills that students develop enables the students to promote ASPIRE in their school and community. Ambassadors speak at conferences and workshops demonstrating leadership, self-determination and self-advocacy skills developed as a result of participation. These self-determination and self-advocacy skills benefit the student when they graduate and begin their post-secondary journey.
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FY 21 Plans

- Self-Paced Online Modules are Being Developed that Local Districts Can Utilize to Teach Skills to Students.
- Virtual Meetings Will Be Held So Students Can Participate in the Virtual Modules together
  - Zoom & Nearpod
Q&A

For More Information and/or Resources:
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