

Rationale

The active and productive student becomes a productive citizen by developing leadership qualities and being provided leadership opportunities. The student given the opportunity to learn to implement these skills becomes a lifelong leader.

Course Description

This course provides an opportunity to study, practice, and develop group and individual leadership and organizational skills. These skills include, but are not limited to, the following topics or areas: leadership roles, interpersonal relations, project planning, goal setting, civic responsibility, decision making, problem solving, meeting skills, and communication.

Prerequisites

Prerequisite: Application process to leadership course recommended GPA of 3.0 or higher, limited to 30 students

Open to: 11, 12

Credit: 1 Unit - Two Semesters (Social Studies elective)

Course Enduring Understandings / Essential Outcomes

- Character and leadership development involve skills and special knowledge
- Leaders utilize critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Leaders work towards short and long-term positive goals
- Developing strong values and high standards takes time and reflection
- Leaders must be able to make decisions and understand the consequences of those decisions

Course Objectives

1. The student will demonstrate understanding of the basic concepts of leadership, its roles, responsibility, hazards, and its relationship to the total school. (SS3; 1.10) (SS6; 3.6)
2. The student will demonstrate techniques and methods for planning school and community (cooperation, outreach, school spirit, social and recognition) events. (SS7; 1.1, 1.2, 1.4)
3. The student will select a book or periodical article on leadership and report their findings to the class. (SS6; 2.1, 4.1, 4.3) (A+: Reading)
4. The student will apply the knowledge of parliamentary procedure by verbally facilitating meetings for projects. (SS3; 1.10, 2.3, 3.4, 4.6) (A+: Speaking)
5. The student will demonstrate knowledge of and skill in the use of group dynamic techniques. (SS6; 2.6, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6)
6. The student will set goals for personal development and wellness and develop a plan for achieving goals. (SS6; 1.10, 2.5, 3.2, 3.8, 4.4, 4.6)
7. The student will demonstrate advanced knowledge in communication skills and techniques through ten hours of community service. (SS6; 2.6, 2.7)
8. The student will research a variety of leadership styles and problem solving techniques. (SS6; 1.2, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7) (A+: Research)
9. The student will demonstrate knowledge and skill in team-building. (SS6; 4.5, 4.6, 4.7)
10. The student will write a paper to demonstrate understanding of organizational theory, motivational strategies, coping with stress and changes, and conflict resolution techniques. (SS6; 2.1, 2.7, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.5) (A+: Writing)

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