

Link Crew Syllabus/Contract

Link Crew is designed to empower upperclassmen as role models for freshmen, enabling them to pass on positive traditions and school culture to younger students. In addition, Link Crew aims to develop students' leadership skills, especially in the areas of communication, organization and problem solving.

GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

Above all, Student Leaders will abide by all school rules, and will do things the R.I.T.E. way.

RESPECT:

- **Social Media/Bullying/Alcohol or Drug Use:** This issue is taken extremely seriously on our campus, any bullying/cyber bullying issues on social media will be addressed with both student and parent. Any pictures or student comments describing drug or alcohol abuse via social media will not be tolerated. The leader will be written up and notified of their current standing. Depending on the severity of the issue, dismissal from the program is left up to the discretion of the Link Crew Coordinator and administration.
- **Dress Code:** It is important to abide by dress code. If a student is breaking dress code Mrs. Freemer or any adult on the campus has the right to send them to the security office. If it becomes a consistent problem, it will be addressed with the student, parents, and administration.

INTEGRITY:

- Who are you when I am not around? What kind of leader do you want to be known as?
- Leaders will ALWAYS present themselves the R.I.T.E. way on ALL SOCIAL MEDIA including text messages. Foul language, inappropriate pictures, hazing or harassing on any social media will not be tolerated. The Link Crew coordinator or administration reserves the right to determine the appropriate action which could include dismissal from the program.

TEAMWORK:

- Leaders will be integral planners/participants of all events and fundraisers. Failure to do so can result in removal from the program and a letter drop in the semester grade.
- Leaders will work as a team in collaborative groups to delegate event tasks and actions.
- Leaders will dress up for **ALL SPIRIT DAYS**. Student leaders who do not have the leadership class must check in with Mrs. Freemer or the President or Vice President in the Hawk Rock before or after 1st period.
- Leaders will attend:
 - **ALL** mandatory trainings during the summer.
 - Orientation in August.
 - Club lunch meetings during the course of the year (club members only).
 - 2 events of your choice as planned by class & club members.
 - Back-To-School night.
 - 8th grade parent rally/Showcase in March.
 - Incoming freshman rally in May.

EXCELLENCE:

- A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for all members of any student leadership program. If a student fails to earn a 2.5 GPA for either semester, they will lose their leadership eligibility.
- Students will have grade checks run every 6 weeks by the front office registrar.

Failure to contact Mrs. Freemer in regards to events and leadership responsibilities can result in removal from the program and a grade drop at the semester. Students must contact Mrs. Freemer if there is a valid conflict or emergency which would result in a missed event or meeting.

Grading:

Students will be held responsible for their actions during class as well as at Link Crew events. Leadership classes do not have traditional homework or assignments as compared to other elective classes. This often means that *homework* may mean going to an event or attending a meeting. All students are expected to follow the direction of their President, Vice President, Teachers, and Administrators. If a student is failing to meet minimum requirements – they will be placed on a probationary contract. This will be discussed with both student and parent.

Loss of points can occur in the following areas:

- Missing Link Crew meetings
- Off Task during class time
- Phone out during class time, unless directed to do so: see cell phone policy
- Unexcused Tardy
- Failure to Dress for Spirit Day
- Failure to meet minimum grade requirement
- No Call/No Text/No Show for any event student signed-up for or was asked to assist
- Unexcused Errand (out of class without a goal connected to Link Crew): see bathroom policy
- Behavior, Attitude, Dishonesty
- Inappropriate Social Media Use
- Suspension from school may result in instant removal from the leadership program.

Time Commitment:

Being a member of Link Crew requires a **major** commitment from student leaders and their families. Successful leadership teams require many hours of work. Our goals include developing you as an individual and our program as a team. These goals take no less than 100% effort from each individual. Therefore, it is important for student leaders to understand the necessity of time management. **Calendars are essential! It is the leader's responsibility to be aware of upcoming events and to plan accordingly.**

Committee Work (Class Members):

During the semester you will work in a small group setting to focus your attention on an aspect of the Murrieta Valley community. Your group will come up with a set of requirements and projects that you will complete throughout the semester and will present before the class/club. Your participation in your group will be assessed on a regular basis. All group members will participate in event planning and the evaluation process.

Dress Attire:

MVHS Leadership Students are **expected** to dress up on all Spirit Days. Students are excused from a Spirit Day if it conflicts with a school sport or other school activity dress expectation. Leaders are also **expected** to wear Link Crew shirts on designated leadership days such as breakfast, lunch time activities, or conferences.

Being a part of the Link Crew class **is a privilege and not a right**. It is essential that we work as a team and that we all show respect for each other, our freshmen, and our school. These guidelines are set in place to ensure the best possible outcomes for all student leaders. As the Link Crew advisor I am honored to work with all student leaders on our campus. I truly believe that by being a part of student leadership you will find that you become more fulfilled in other areas of your life as well. It is my sincere hope that at the end of this year you feel that you have grown as a leader and a person. If at any time you have a question, concern, or something you believe would help benefit our program please do not hesitate to contact me.

PARENT NAME: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____