

Link Crew Syllabus

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 always model C.L.A.S.S.

CHARACTER:

- **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. Also 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. Parsons has the right to send them to the security office. If it becomes a consistent problem, it will be addressed with the student and parents.

LEADERSHIP:

- 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 task and actions.
- Leaders will dress up for **all spirit days**. Student leaders who do not have the leadership class must check in to Mrs. Parsons's room M114 during the morning or break.

ATTITUDE:

- Leaders will ALWAYS represent themselves with *class* 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/administration reserves the right to determine the appropriate action which could include dismissal from the program.

SCHOLARSHIP:

- A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for all members of student leadership. If a student fails to earn a 2.5 GPA for either semester, they will lose their leadership eligibility.
- Students will be required to submit grade checks every 6 weeks.

SERVICE:

- Leaders will attend:
 - All luncheons over the course of the year.
 - All of the events that their committee hosts.
 - One Unity Dinner per semester. (TBD)
 - Two Games of the Seasons per semester. (TBD)
 - Annual VMHS Unity Leadership Conference (January).
 - Link Crew meetings twice a month (Thursdays at 7am in room M114).

Failure to contact Mrs. Parsons 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. Parsons if there is a 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 Captains, 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 Credit can occur in the following areas:

- Missing Link Crew meetings
- Off Task during class time
- Phone out during daily meeting
- Unexcused Tardy
- Failure to Dress for Spirit Day
- Failure to submit grade check
- 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)
- 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 as an individual and 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:

During the semester you will work with a committee which will focus their attention on an aspect of the Vista Murrieta community. Your committee will have a set of requirements and projects you will complete throughout the semester. Your participation in the committee will be assessed on a regular basis. All committee members will participate in event planning and the evaluation process.

Dress Attire:

VMHS 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 luncheons, conferences or school gauntlets.

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.

Who you are and what you do, Matters.