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Leadership Course Syllabus

Mission Statement

Joseph Kerr Middle School promotes an atmosphere of educational excellence by providing a safe, nurturing, environment where students are inspired to become responsible citizens and life-long learners.

Course Description

Leadership is an elective and the purpose is to serve the Associated Student Body (ASB) at Joseph Kerr Middle School. Leadership is designed for the student interested in learning the basic concepts of democratic government; leadership skills, parliamentary procedures, group processes, leadership practice and planning, and organization in a laboratory of practical school situations.

Business

- * Marketing
- * Finance Accounting
- * Advertising
- * Customer Service
- * Communication
- * Business Law

Communication

- * Written Communications
- * Interviewing Skills
- * Public Speaking
- * Crowd Control
- * Conflict Resolution
- * Creative Thinking
- * Evaluation
- * Interpersonal Skills

Service Learning

- * Presentation Skills
- * Community Service
- * Citizenship

Government

- * Government Hierarchy
- * Procedures
- * Elections
- * Organizations
- * Effective Meetings

Personal and Social Development

- * Group Dynamics
 - * Goal Setting
 - * Interpersonal Skills
 - * Self Esteem/Self Awareness
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Kerr's student leaders move towards mastering these standards by organizing, facilitating, and supporting the following activities: Dances, Lunch Time Activities (LTA), Student Recognition events, Renaissance programs, Red Ribbon Week, Canned Food Drive, Fundraisers, Star Festival, Spring Fair, WEB, Athletic Events, Promotion and more.

Behavior Expectations: "The 3 R's"

- **Reality:** This is a thankless job with little room for mistakes. When an event fails everyone will see, by the product and the grade you have earned. Always strive to do your best.
- **Respect:** Respect the teacher, your school, your classmates, and yourself. This is demonstrated by coming to class everyday on time and in your seat before the bell rings. Effectively using your time as a leader to complete all the varied tasks assigned while in class. Include everyone as you create, design, implement and execute your projects. Work to accept differences of all the varied personalities.
- **Responsibility:** Leadership students are responsible for many valuable items treat those items as though they were your own. Demonstrate integrity even when no one is watching.

Grading Policy

Grading Percentage Distribution		Approximate breakdown of points. Grades are based on total points.	
Percentage	Grade	Weekly Report	50%
90-100%	A	Projects	20%
80-89%	B	Community Service	20%
70-79%	C	Scrapbook/Spirit	10%
60-69%	D		
59-0 %	F		

Weekly Report

- Fill out every day during the week
- Update each day with full details of what was done or needs doing
- Self-work, not working with partners/committee

Projects

- Complete event assigned to the committee

Scrapbook

- Turn in your assigned pages at the end of each term.
- You don't need to be an artist, but you will be graded on effort.
- You are responsible for the pictures you need.
- An 8 1/2" X 11" small binder is recommended.
- Leadership spiral notebook .

Spirit

- Showing your spirit sets the tone for the school. Go with it!
- Dress to match the spirit day theme.

Community Service

- 10 hours of community service is required per term. All service must be verified.

Additional Responsibilities

- Talking to teachers
- Get Form C signed and turned into attendance the day before the event.
- Take care of business in your other classes so you can get out as needed.
- Keep P-93 and stage clean with all our valuable materials secured.

Extra

- Be a role model at school and within the community.
- Keep your grades up, GPA 2.5 or higher; no F's or U's
- Maintain a balance within activities, class, homework, and sports.

Just to Remember

- Keep your belongings in your cubbie.
- Don't forget to work your shift in the S.A.C.
- Throw away all trash and recycle.
- Make friends and have fun!

Parents,

Here are some things to know about Leadership.

Your student will be spending time setting up events and working on projects, both before and after school. Please arrange for your child to be picked up or dropped off on time. Leadership students are given a huge amount of responsibilities, which in turn demands a lot of trust by staff. Students will be provided a "Leadership Badge" that allows students to move throughout the campus unencumbered. Any students not adhering to school rules, not acting in accordance with being a leader or unable to maintain the 2.5 GPA and no F's policy will be removed from the class at the teacher's and administrator's discretion.

Our class has earned the privilege to eat in the leadership classroom. It requires everyone to pitch in and help with clean up. Students may be asked to stay after school to complete this task.

Want to help Leadership succeed?

- 1) Volunteer- we are always running events and need additional adult supervision.
- 2) Give- These students work hard and are always hungry. If you can donate food items and water to the class it would be greatly appreciated.

Student and Parent Signature

I have read, understand, and agree to support the policies and class procedures as listed in this Leadership syllabus for the entire course.

Print Student Name

Print Parent/Guardian

Student Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

Please list the best time to reach a parent or guardian as well as the best phone number/email address.)

Time _____ Language spoken _____

Email _____

Does the student have internet access at home? _____

Cell Number _____ May use? _____



Knights show . . . Effort Respect Responsibility

