



It Begins Here

LEARNING TO LEAD

Leadership for Middle School

PREPARING YOUNG STUDENTS FOR LEADERSHIP

For many youth, the perception that they may be included in the broad category of being "a leader" doesn't always feel natural. In their minds, they perceive that leaders are those who run for (and win) student council, lead the athletic teams, or serve on advisory boards for the principal. In addition, those young students who have begun to take on a leadership role, often take an autocratic approach to leading, and wonder why they end up doing much of the work themselves.

The vast majority of middle school students never experience opportunities that assist them in exposing or expressing their leadership potential.



THE LEARNING TO LEAD program for Middle School is a fun and effective one day training. It is done on site, and provides an opportunity for young students to become aware of, and enhance their leadership potential by explaining leadership behaviors and attitudes in a "relevant" manner that the middle school student understands. More importantly, they begin to grasp how their leadership skills can apply in daily life and for the future. A "pay it forward" element to the training reinforces to students that leading by **servicing** others around them is a more effective "tool" of leadership. As young leaders develop greater self-confidence in their ability to make a difference in the school and community, the attractiveness of being a leader increases.

The Benefits

- * *Peer leadership and empowerment benefit entire school culture.*
- * *Interactive and participant-driven sessions encourage learning.*
- * *"Pay it Forward" element builds accountability and affects change.*
- * *Creates a "core coalition" that staff and administration can utilize to address school climate issues.*
- * *When entering high school, students are more willing and able to play a significant role in affecting the school culture.*

About Our Curriculum

Curriculum is experiential-based, relying on "shared" learning to impact and empower the participants.

A kickoff meeting will be held with the Principal, Athletic Director or Activities/Leadership Advisor to customize the Learning to Lead program for your school.

Curriculum Topics May Include:

Making the Right Choices

Accepting Differences

Bullying

Attitude and Self Talk