**LINK CREW 2014 SYLLABUS**

**Course Description:**  Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew is a program that trains mentors from the junior and senior classes to be Link Crew Leaders. As positive role models, Link Crew Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success. More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in high school, their chance for success increases dramatically. Link Crew provides the structure for freshmen to receive support and guidance from juniors and seniors who have been through the challenges that high school poses, and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming. Link Crew’s goal is to provide schools with a structure in which students make real connections with each other thus increasing school safety and reducing incidence of bullying with anti-bullying education. Through this program, freshmen learn that people at school care about them and their success and leaders experience increased self esteem as well as overall character development.

**Course Goals:**

* **Link Leaders** will create and maintain a relationship with their assigned Freshman (i.e. contacting them weekly, sending “check up” texts)
* **Link Leaders** will learn life skills that will help them become better leaders and campus role models (i.e. maintain a GPA above a 2.0, organization/planning, college and career readiness, etc)

**Grading Structure:**

* Event Attendance 15%
* Weekly Grade Checks/evaluations 15%
* Participation (in class) 10%
* Binder Checks 30%
* Frosh Check Ins 30%

**Required Materials:**

* Link Binder (provided at the training this summer)
* Dividers
* Lined paper
* pens/pencils/highlighters
* Flash Drive

**General Expectations:** On the back of this syllabus is a copy of the specific expectations that were read to and signed by Link Leaders. Failure to follow all expectations may result in removal from the Link Crew program.

**Leader Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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