



High School Leadership Institute

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The objective of the **High School Leadership Institute (LI)** is to create a core leadership team of students who are committed to making a sustained positive impact in their schools and local community. Selected students will participate in a series of experiential ACE styled workshops that will develop their personal and group leadership skills. Topics include self-esteem, communication, teambuilding, goal setting, project planning & management, and public speaking will be included. During the course of the Institute (2-6 months) students will direct themselves onto chosen projects, events, and leadership initiatives at school and/or in the local community. Service learning activities, performing arts events/ competitions, civic events (anti-violence, school or cross-cultural unity, anti-drugs, etc.) through the Beyond the Bell Leadership Campaign at the school may serve as a leadership focus.

The Leadership Institute is open to students, grades 9th-12 across all SLCs. By invitation of teachers, counselors, administrators, and afterschool (AS) staff, this select group (up to 100 students) will develop their identity as an ongoing and trained student leadership core at the school. The current smaller AS Leadership Core Team Council will be at the center of the LI and will work along side of EduCare's facilitators in leading the series of ½ day and/or daylong workshops. At these upbeat and fun workshops, creative ideas and projects are discussed, planned, and initiated by the LI participants. Some schools may choose to include their existing ASB students or other leadership groups with a class section of potential student leaders.

Incentives may include academic class grade points from teachers, a field trip to local college for the ACE workshop(s), and opportunities to take charge of the creating the Beyond the Bell's Leadership Campaign's performing arts competitions at the school. One model being introduced at Hamilton HS is a 3-workshop series model (two Saturday workshops, one month a part a part) at the school with lunch included; then, culminating in a special 1-day LI workshop at UCLA including a campus tour. Please see the attached flyer announcing Hamilton High School's Leadership Institute starting in October 2009.

For more information or to discuss creating your school's Leadership Institute, please contact Frank Vitale, George Hernandez, or Stu Semigran at EduCare.

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