



UPPER SCHOOL BEAR CREEK LEADS

LEARN HERE, LEAD ANYWHERE

Bear Creek is Intentional about developing the next generation of leaders by preparing students to think well and who are compelled by their faith to engage the world with **wisdom, compassion, and courage.**

Bear Creek Leads is based on three foundational principles:

1. Virtue is the foundation of leadership.
2. Leadership principles and skills must be learned through instruction, imitation, and practice.
3. Leadership is positively impacting those in your sphere of influence.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS: MANAGEMENT AND RELATIONAL SKILLS

Our Upper School students learn, practice, and lead out with three important leadership skills

1. Active Listening and Questioning
2. Hospitality—Host not Guest
3. Self-Awareness

COMPASSION IN ACTION

Upper School students organize, lead, and participate in service projects. Through these projects they support regional, national, and international organizations by raising awareness and support.

- Regional: Hopelink Food Drive
- National: Strong Against Cancer Research Support
- International: Doulos Discovery School in the Dominican Republic

Community Service Graduation Requirement—Students complete 100 hours of documented service through various organizations locally and abroad.

Global Mission Trip—Bear Creek partners with the Doulos Discovery School in the Dominican Republic and sends a team of 15-20 each year to serve in various capacities.

LEADERSHIP PRACTICUM

The Leadership Practicum is an elective open to Officers or Committee Heads to give them more time to develop reflective leadership practices, plan projects, and receive mentoring and feedback at a more extensive level than through normal leadership development activities.

LEADERSHOP

This two-day student leader workshop, held the week before school starts, is an introduction to Bear Creek's student leadership framework, primarily through an exploration of personality type and the "The 5 Practices of Exemplary Leadership" in the book *The Student Leadership Challenge* by Kouzes and Posner. All elected and appointed student leaders are encouraged to attend, but the workshop is open to all Upper School students.

LEADERSHIP FORUMS

Guest speakers who are recognized leaders in their fields share insights with the Upper School student body in Monday assemblies.

STUDENT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Student Council is a group of students elected by their peers whose mission is to promote unity in the Upper School by representing, leading, and empowering students to live lives in submission to Christ. Council meets weekly for leadership development and business. In addition, the Council achieves its goals through the following standing Committees which are open to all students: BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ), Social, Student Relations, Grizzly Pride, Community Service, and Communications.

LEADERSHIP MENTORING

Elected Officers and Committee Heads participate in monthly or bi-weekly mentoring meetings with administrative staff. The purpose of these meetings is to mentor student leaders in leadership practices, commitments, and skills.

STUDENT LEADER CERTIFICATION

The NASC Student Leaders Program is a rigorous and challenging national skill and knowledge-based recognition program created by the National Association of Student Councils to identify outstanding individual student council leaders in high schools. Juniors and seniors may invest two or more semesters of self-directed project learning in earning a Student Leader Certification.