

Purpose

The Leadership Class is a program to identify high school students with the desire and characteristics to become leaders. Activities will take place throughout the school year to build leadership and teamwork skills, develop ambassadors for GPTC, and recognize the best and brightest future leaders. Students will take part in leadership/teamwork building activities, develop presentation techniques, meet legislators, community, and school leaders, and assist with special events at GPTC and area high schools.

Objectives

1. Educate students about all GPTC programs and the CareerTech system
2. Improve leadership and teamwork skills in Great Plains' students
3. Develop ambassadors for the tech center, who will serve as one-to-one peer marketing tools in sending schools
4. Change perceptions about the type of students who attend technology centers
5. Enhance the education experience of outstanding high school students at GPTC

Planning and Execution

All activities will be planned and coordinated through the Activities Coordinator. Students will take part in approximately 6 leadership development customized trainings, held during the months of October, November, January, February, March, and April. Trainings will be during class time -- an all-day activity in most cases. Class members will be excused from their home high schools on those days.

Selection

Participation is open to all juniors and seniors at Great Plains Technology Center who have not previously participated in the class. A selection committee comprised of GPTC staff will select the class members. Applicants will be required to participate in a brief interview with the selection committee. Equal representation from all GP programs and sending schools will be sought. Approximately 24 students will be selected for the program.

Attendance

For students to get the most from this program, attendance is required at all events. One absence due to a home school activity will be excused with proper documentation. Additionally, the student may have no more than 3 absences per nine-week period in his/her Great Plains or home high school classes.

Academics and Behavior

Class members are required to maintain at least a “B” average at GPTC and be passing at his/her home school. If a student is on the ineligible list at any time, he/she will be dismissed from the class.

Additionally, members will be held to the highest standard of behavior. The students will be constantly representing the school and should act responsibly at all class events, meetings, and activities, as well as in the classroom. Any unacceptable behavior will result in immediate dismissal from the program. If a student is dismissed from the class for any reason, he/she may NOT apply for the next year's class.

Instructions

- 1. During August orientation, students will be given information about the Leadership Class.**
- 2. Interested students must complete an application.**
- 3. The student is required to have one recommendation form completed by his/her Great Plains instructor and one from a teacher/counselor/principal at his/her home high school.**
- 4. Students will be required to complete a short interview with the selection committee. The student will be notified of the time and date of the interview after all applications are received.**

Session Topics

- 1. ROPES Course (teamwork)**
- 2. What is Leadership, the CareerTech system, and Professional Dress**
- 3. Communication (Introducing guest speakers, public speaking, and debating)**
- 4. Etiquette (table settings and correct utensils, common courtesy, email and cell phone etiquette, introductions) and Lunch**
- 5. State Capitol; meet with Legislators**
- 6. City & County Government and Volunteerism**