

8th Grade Teen Leadership Curriculum Overview

Teen Leadership uses the Flippen Group's [LeadWorthy](#) Curriculum to help develop leadership values such as building positive relationships, improving communication skills, strengthening character, and discussing issues that impact every area of life. The class helps students make a difference in their lives, the lives of others, and the world around them. Students will participate in group discussions, share short stories, and create multimedia presentations centered on a variety of topics to enhance their understanding of their role as young leaders.

Skills to be developed throughout the course:

- Discussion
- Interpersonal
- Arguing with Relevant Evidence
- Public Speaking
 - Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
 - speaking to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
- Proper multimedia and visual display

In Gower Middle 8th Grade Teen Leadership Classrooms:

- Students will be able to engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions.
- Students will be able to analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats and evaluate the motives behind its presentation.
- Students will be able to delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluate the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence, and identify when irrelevant evidence is introduced.
- Students will learn to present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
- Students will learn to integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
- Students will learn to adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

[Common Core Standards](#)

Units of Study:

Inclusivity	Kindness	Positivity
Vulnerability	Honesty	Inspiration
Courage	Being a Good Role Model	Adaptation
Communication	Confidence	Cooperation
Helping others	Teamwork	Leaving Your Comfort Zone
	Perseverance	Empathy