Lathrop High School
Freshmen Leadership

Thank you for your interest in Freshmen Leadership! You are about to embark on one of the most exciting, challenging and rewarding experiences of your high school career! At LHS we have a Freshmen Leadership class (Leadership I) that runs during the Fall semester. Thirty-four incoming freshmen will be selected to be in this class and will serve as leaders to their peers. During the fall semester, we will work at becoming a cohesive group, set short and long-term goals, plan a homecoming backdrop and so much more!

In order to be considered for the class, you must complete the application process turn in a completed application and letter of intent. Applications can be submitted to your Lathrop High school counselor when you turn in your course selection form, emailed to Ms. Birakos at abirakos@musd.net or turned in to the LHS office, Attention Ms. Birakos.

EXPLANATION OF ITEMS NEEDED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET

You must turn in the completed application to be eligible for leadership during the 2025-2026 school-year.

1. Application & Code of Conduct (1 sheet, 2-sided)
2. Letter of Intent – this letter should be addressed to the Student Activities Director at Lathrop High School, Mrs. Birakos. The letter should be typed and no more than two pages, double-spaced. Please ask your English teacher for help, if you need it. This letter should include the following:
    - Why you want to be in Leadership
    - Characteristics you feel are important to be a successful team member
    - Improvements you can make to become a better leader
    - A service project that you have been involved in and how it impacted you
    - Any other personal information that you would like us to know

All applications are due to Ms. Birakos no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Applications can be completed digitally and emailed to Ms. Birakos or submitted to LHS Counselors during balloting at your school sites.

If you have any other questions please contact Ms. Birakos.
Classroom: H2, Email: abirakos@musd.net, Phone: 209-938-6350 x52953

Lathrop High School Freshman Leadership Positions

Article IV, Section 3a, Selected Officers	Elected class officers shall consist of the following officers for each class: Class President (3)
Article IV Section 4 Duties of Selected Officers	<u>Presidents:</u> 1. Presides at any meetings the class he/she represents 2. Represents the views of his/her class when called to do so 3. Responsible for planning Homecoming Activities with assigned committee 4. Oversees class-sponsored activities or when necessary, delegates the responsibility to a fellow class member (Proms, fundraisers etc…) 5. Maintains the minutes of any class meetings and makes them available to the leadership advisor, fellow classmates, and administration if requested 6. Meets regularly with Class Advisor to update all plans and proper paperwork, ensures class paperwork is completed in a timely and well written fashion 7. Oversee the use of purchase orders to pay for class-sponsored activities with the help of advisors 8. Provide a financial statement of class funds during Student Council meetings 9. Present when selling at events and make deposit immediately following event 10. Oversee the Class Instagram, provide pictures of class events and functions to social media & publicity 11. Actively encourage student engagement in school activities 12. Work with grade alike members to create & update quarterly Presidents grades

The Freshmen Leadership course will be limited to 34 incoming students from the surrounding feeder schools. Students will cover topics such as:

- **Goal setting**
- **Time management techniques**
- **Working in Teams**
- **Communication**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Listening Skills**
- **Positive relationship building**
- **Reflective practices – learning from past practices and events**
- **Building school traditions and culture**
- **And so much more!**

LATHROP HIGH SCHOOL
Leadership Application

PART 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Current School: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Current GPA: _____

Student email: _____

Instagram: @_____ TikTok: @_____

Please list all school sports, activities, clubs etc… in which you are involved:

Please list all community service, church, non-school related activities etc… in which you are involved:

If you have received any awards, special recognition etc… please elaborate here:

PART 3: RESPONSIBILITIES

Leadership at Lathrop High School is a privilege. As a leadership student, you are a representative of Lathrop High School and should conduct yourself accordingly.

I, _____ understand the responsibilities of a Lathrop leadership student are extensive. I am willing to spend out of class time working on, participating in, and supporting activities. I am aware that my grade is based on my participation in the class, as well as outside of class activities. I understand that other people will be counting on me to do my job right and in a timely manner. The leadership class is a key part of the Lathrop community and is responsible for a large majority of activities that take place on our campus. I promise to do my best to ensure that these activities are well planned, set-up correctly, and cleaned-up appropriately.

_____ _____

Student Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Lathrop High School
Student Council Code of Conduct

Leadership at Lathrop High School is a privilege. Leadership students represent Lathrop High School in the community as well as on the school campus. As a leadership student you agree to follow this below code of conduct.

- All leadership students are expected to represent LHS in a positive manner and to work effectively with students, faculty, and administration.

- Students may be placed on probationary status when any of the items listed below occur. Probationary status will involve the student attending all leadership class, committee meetings and any other activities, as assigned. The second violation will result in the removal of the student from the leadership class.

    1. Receiving less than a 2.5 GPA. This includes all grading periods. Students shall remain on probation until grades improve to a 2.5 GPA.
    2. Uncooperative attitude with fellow classmates, advisor, faculty or administration.
    3. Violation of school regulations
    4. Lack of participation in Leadership activities, including required classes activities and class periods
    5. Conduct inappropriate of a Leadership Student
    6. Disrespectful and disagreeable behavior towards the advisor, faculty, administration, and other students.
    7. Unwillingness to follow guidelines given by the leadership advisor

- Faculty and administration may request a student be removed from class for violating these guidelines.

- Parents shall be notified of any concerns about their child's behavior and shall have the right to request a meeting with the leadership advisor and other school officials to discuss the removal their child from class.

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Student Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Please type your Letter of Intent here