



Addison Middle School Peer Leader Program

Application 2017-2018

Please return all application materials to Mrs. Clark

By completing this application, you have decided to apply for the Peer Leader Program!

A Peer Leader is a positive role model for peers that helps create a safe, respectful, and welcoming school environment. As a Peer Leader, you would help to support the 6th grade students.

Peer Leaders will have multiple responsibilities at Addison Middle School, including:

- “Meet and Greet”-help with orientation for new students in the middle school by giving tours, assisting with lockers and helping students who are new to the middle school feel welcome.
- Promote messages of respect and reinforcing middle school expectations.
- Mentoring a small group of 6th grade students throughout the school year.

We would love to have all students who wish to participate, become Peer Leaders, however spaces are limited. We will form a review committee that will select a number of candidates after reviewing paper applications.

Peer Leader Time Commitment

Peer Leaders are expected to attend “Lunch with the Leader” each month. This takes place during the students assigned lunch period and consists of a meeting with the Peer Leader Advisor to discuss upcoming events, questions and concerns. In addition, Peer Leaders are also expected to help in scheduled activities, such as the following:

- Summer Team Building and Leadership Retreat (1-2 days)
- 8th Grade Career Day
- Kindness Week

Peer Leader Eligibility Requirements

1. Attend all Peer Leader meetings. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you need to see the advisor prior to or after the meeting.
2. Attend the Summer Team Building and Leadership Retreat.
3. Display positive behavior in the school and in the community.
4. Maintain a passing average in all classes.

Part 2:

The following characteristics are qualities of a Peer Leader:

Team Player ~ Open-Mindedness ~ Respectful ~ Strong Public Speaker ~ Integrity

Give at least one example of how you demonstrate each of these qualities below:

Being a team player:	
Open-mindedness:	
Respect:	
Strong public speaking skills:	
Integrity:	

Part 3:

What would you do to support the new 6th graders coming into the Addison Middle School? Please check all that you would be willing to do:

- | Would you... | If YES, check here. |
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| 1. Help with a locker? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Review a schedule? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Help students navigate the School Tool Portal? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Organize binders/lockers? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Introduce a new student to his/her teachers? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Assist with busses (on arrival and/or after school during the first weeks)? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Discuss late busses and how to take them? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Check-in with your group members occasionally? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part 4: Teacher Recommendation Sheet

Teachers: Please return this form directly to Mrs. Mary Clark in the Middle School Office.

Student Name: _____

Dear Faculty,

I would like your help to screen applicants for the Peer Leadership Program. We are looking for students in 7th grade who are best suited to be positive role models as 8th grade students for our incoming 6th grade students. In order to make appropriate and qualified selections, we require two teacher recommendations. Please feel free to add any additional comments that you think would be helpful on the back of this page. Please forward this completed recommendation form directly to me. **All Teacher Recommendation Sheets will remain confidential and will not be shared directly with student applicants.** Thank you for your time and assistance.

Mrs. Mary Clark, Peer Leader Advisor

Please use the following scale to evaluate the student and circle the best choice.

5=Outstanding

4=Excellent

3=Very Good

2=Good (Average)

1=Below Average (Needs improvement; may be of concern as a Peer Leader)

0=No opportunity to observe/cannot rate

Responsibility

5	4	3	2	1	0
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Peer Interaction

5	4	3	2	1	0
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Leadership

5	4	3	2	1	0
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Open to new ideas

5	4	3	2	1	0
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Sincerity

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Empathy toward others

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Respect for self and others

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Attitude

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Sense of commitment

5	4	3	2	1	0
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Part 5: Parent/Guardian Letter, Understanding of Peer Leader Role, and Permission for Application

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student has elected to apply for a position as a Middle School Peer Leader for the 2017-18 school year. I would like to explain the different aspects of this program and the commitment it will involve from your student.

The primary work of students in the group will be to serve as leaders among the student body. Peer Leaders will serve as mentors to 6th grade students and each Peer Leader will be assigned a group of students to mentor throughout the school year. Peer leaders will be expected to act in a respectful and responsible manner at all times, as they will be the students that our 6th grade students will be looking to for help and advice. Peer Leaders will also be expected to assist with activities throughout the year and to assume a leadership role in those activities. Peer Leaders will meet with their advisor each month to discuss upcoming events, questions and concerns. Over the summer, Peer Leaders will be asked to attend a 1-2 day leadership training to enhance their skills and prepare them to work with other students.

This program will allow students to gain leadership skills, show responsibility and become positive role models in their peer groups. This program is designed to empower students, as it encourages and supports students helping one another.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 359-1108.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Clark
Peer Leader Advisor

I give my student, _____, permission to apply to the Addison Middle School Peer Leader Program. I understand this program will require commitment and additional responsibilities for my student.

Parent Signature

Date