

## Link Crew Syllabus 2017-2018

Welcome to Link Crew! I expect that you have enrolled in this course because you are interested in developing yourself as a leader and are motivated to succeed. Those of you who participate, work hard, and behave accordingly will enjoy both positive recognition and truly great success.

### 1. Course Description/ Objectives:

Link Crew is a freshmen transition program that focuses on enlightening the experience of a new high school student – socially, academically, and mentally. Link Crew empowers students to help other students. In the Link Crew class, we will be learning important leadership skills, mentoring skills, and life skills that will help us change the campus culture.

### 2. Materials:

ALL SUPPLIES MUST BE OBTAINED BY MONDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>!

#### **Mandatory:**

- Link Crew Binder/folder
- Composition Notebook
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (spare, in your binder)
- Writing utensil (Multi-colored pens, #2 pencils, highlighters recommended)

### 3. Classroom Policies

#### **\*Attendance/ Late and Missing Work**

It is in your best interest to be present in class whenever possible. We will be covering lot of interesting, useful information that you don't want to miss! If you **cut class** (meaning that your absence is denoted **unexcused**) you will not receive credit for work due, completed, or assigned that day. School policy dictates that I must also issue an office referral. Don't cut class!

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and make-up the work. You must make arrangements for making up missed work the day you return to school; otherwise a zero will be given for missed assignments. It is best to make arrangements during support periods, or before or after school. If that is not possible you may set up an appointment for another time if I am given advanced notice. Work that is **more than one week late** will not be accepted for credit. If you are unable to come see me, you may check the course website or ask your classmates for missed material. (Extra copies of assignments will be located in the Link Crew Absent Work Binder filed in order of the day they took place).

#### **\*Be Prepared**

Always come to class prepared! Whether this means having assignments printed or feeling ready for a major project; it is your responsibility to be prepared. I will always give plenty of notice and reminders for assignments/assessments, but I also expect you to be ready to go!

#### 4. Student Responsibilities and Expectations

My expectations of you are very high, and I hope that you expect the same out of me. I am really looking forward to working, growing and learning together this year. In order to achieve our goals, I have a few basic classroom rules that you **must** follow.

1. Always show **respect** to yourself, your classmates, me, and the rest of the CHS community.
2. **Work hard** so that we all can get the most out of this course together.
3. Participate frequently and **ask questions!**
4. Get **permission** from me before using your cell phone or other electronic devices, leaving the classroom, etc.
5. Do not use vulgar or offensive language. Be inclusive, friendly, and respectful! ☺

#### 5. Grading Policy

Your grade will be updated weekly on Aeries. You should continually track your grade online to ensure that you do not fall behind. Grades are calculated based on points earned – I do not use weighted categories for grading. Your grade in this class will be based off of participation, classwork, volunteer hours, and projects.

A+	98-100	B+	88-89	C+	78-79	D+	68-69
A	93-97	B	83-87	C	73-77	D	63-67
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
						F	0-59

#### ***\*Cheating***

I have a zero-tolerance policy for cheating. If you are caught cheating, **you will receive a zero** for that assignment. You will also be referred for a cheating contract. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, using a cell phone or other electronic device during assessments, copying someone else's work, texting questions or answers, turning in identical work as another student or project partner, and passing information between classes. As Link Leaders, I hold you to very high expectations – especially in scenarios such as this.

#### 6. Additional Information About the Class

##### ***\*Extra Help***

If you are struggling with the course, or having trouble meeting our objectives, please see me as soon as possible! I am here to help you learn! Please come see me before or after school, or during support time; just let me know when you can come in and we'll set up a time to meet. ***This way, I can devote my full attention to the problem and make our time together more productive.***

#### 7. Topics Covered

##### ***Semester 1...***

- Unit 1 – Self-Empowerment and Leadership
- Unit 2 – Leadership and Diversity
- Unit 3 – The Use of Technology and Social Media in Leadership
- Unit 4 – Public Speaking

##### ***Semester 2...***

- Unit 5 – Ethics and Leadership
- Unit 6 – Peer Counseling
- Unit 7 – What it Means to be a “Leader”