

CULTIVATING STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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Leadership is the skill of inspiring, leading, and encouraging others to cooperate to realize a group or larger organization's objectives. Students should have the opportunity to assume leadership positions throughout their academic careers to advance their communication abilities, sense of self, and capacity for effective work performance. It also gives you the chance to practice and show off your effective communication and interpersonal skills.

Student leadership development is a crucial component of the educational process. Leadership responsibilities are widely recognized as positively impacting students' growth, school climate, and community integration. For all parties involved in education, developing and implementing a student leadership program at the secondary school level is essential (Hine, 2014). A secondary school student leadership program allows kids to grow in their aptitudes, competencies, potential, and talents. All students will have the opportunity to emerge and develop their full potential thanks to our all-encompassing approach to leadership development. Students are exposed to various activities that encourage decision-making, getting along with others, gaining self-organization and self-awareness, and working with groups by introducing leadership programs into the curriculum.

Programs like youth leadership organizations, both within the school and the community, provide secondary school students with the necessary environment to develop their leadership skills (Firmansyah et al., 2021). These programs offer opportunities for students to enhance their sense of responsibility, initiative, autonomy,

and leadership abilities. Research has shown that participation in leadership programs can lead to positive student psychosocial outcomes. Students involved in leadership programs are more likely to take on greater responsibility, show initiative, and exhibit a sense of autonomy.

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