

What is Leadership Academy?

Leadership Academy is a training program used to empower middle school kids! Optimally, it is implemented inside community schools, whether public or private, so maximum exposure to an area's youth is the result. Change happens one person at a time, but *a purposeful Change Movement gathers many around an Ideological Shift!*

So what is the goal? Kids thinking differently. Kids who prioritize purpose, peace and prosperity for themselves, and also, a world of people around them! By imparting 3 keys to social intelligence, while developing critical thinking skills, we build healthy life habits in kids. We purpose them to both see and achieve a brighter world good for all!

Empowering Kids Now for a Bright Future is the mission!

What do we do? Using a 27 week curriculum, we equip the 4Kids Community Team to partner with a school and work directly with kids. Volunteer mentors are trained to guide kids to envision and critically think about a future good for all. Then, they are equipped to achieve it through personal development! Targeted towards students at the critical juncture of secondary stage brain development we are helping them **(1)** believe in their own potential developing a mindset of hope, **(2)** develop the grit and determination to set goals and overcome obstacles, and **(3)** practice 8 habits for a healthy and productive life.

What's the big picture? A world good for all will take a global community purposed to create it. Priorities will have to shift. A new vision advanced! So in Leadership Academy we are asking some different questions:

- ***What would it look like to have a world good for all people?***
- ***What values would we hold in high esteem?***
- ***What changes would we need to make?***
- ***Can we be together a global people of peace, purpose and prosperity?***

Building leaders for a bright future is a job for all of us! And reality tells us, the time is now to start prioritizing this development in a world of kids! Our program is both universal and precise in its approach. Centered on the truth that we are an inter-connected global community, we invite all to build a better humanity!

We honor the higher power of the Sovereign Creator outlined in our historic documents and value fruitful life in all. Like Dr. Martin Luther King, our purpose is to promote the message of peace seeking equity and justice for all, while building an intentional bridge to a better tomorrow..

How do we operate? The Academy model runs during the regular school hours. *This is key to reaching a community's worth of kids!* Our goal is to reach every student in the 6th grade, inviting them to recognize the inherent value they each possess and then to develop themselves for global competency. Building leaders for a peaceful world begins with purposeful training! Every classroom is staffed with a Classroom Leader and a supporting group of trained mentors who work directly with students in small groups. We

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aim for a 1:5 mentor/child ratio so that we can create a safe supportive environment for every student.

The Leadership Academy program is licensed for a one year use of the copyrighted materials. A web-based curriculum and training system is used to develop our leader and mentors in task specific ways. Regional area leaders are connected with our Lead Team who are committed to peace and reconciliation between all people groups. They work to identify and equip (1) Team Builder per school and then train a support base of volunteer mentors as a school's Community Support Team. Typically volunteers are recruited by word of mouth and they are screened and qualified for work with students. State and local background check requirements are followed.

Special attention is paid to developing inter-cultural competency in our staff and leaders with sensitivity to differences in race and religions. Upon joining the 4Kids Community Team, individuals can expect to gain the benefits of our growing research base on adolescent development and peace building materials.

Change happens one person at a time. A purposeful change movement brings them together. It's then that we'll notice it, we've gone from one to many and

Together we have changed our world!



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