

Making a Difference with Team LEAD

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Hobart High School recently implemented a new student out-reach program titled Team LEAD, which is sponsored by the School City of Hobart Educational Foundation. Since its creation, the program has expanded throughout the School City of Hobart. Hobart High School Team Lead students helped train the elementary leaders. The program is aimed at providing positive role models that offer all students a safe learning environment.

All Team LEAD members meet periodically during lunch to discuss past and future Team LEAD events and activities. An important part of the meeting is the sharing of instances when Team LEAD has had a positive impact on fellow students. All names and specific details are confidential between the student and Team LEAD member, but discussing the general situation helps other members learn how different situations are being handled.

Team LEAD member, Nathan Allen, recalled one day after his lunch, a flustered freshman came up to him and needed help. Nathan quickly referred to his training and quickly identified that the student was being bullied. Both Nathan and the student went to see a counselor and the situation was appropriately resolved.

Team LEAD members are also encouraged to apply their skills in the community. Fifth grade Liberty Elementary student Jacob Mummey and Zoe Wilson shared their experience from a Team LEAD trip to St. Mary's Linden House to sing Christmas carols to the elderly.

Although it's still in the early stages, Team LEAD is already showing that Hobart students care and want to make a difference. Through their efforts, Team LEAD will help to encourage a positive atmosphere in the Hobart community.

Liberty Students



"When I was younger I followed everybody else. Now that I've come to Liberty, I've learned how to be leader. I think it's good to eliminate bullying in schools." ~Juan

"Team Lead has kind of changed my life because I am actually getting better grades now. I am helping other kids stop making wrong decisions and keeping more friends out of trouble." ~Gerald

"Team Lead has helped kids not get into as many fights and arguments. It's really a good program and I think we should do it in the little grades because little kids think they are just having fun. We have to teach kids they shouldn't tease, bully or play like that because they could hurt someone and kids don't like it. I liked going to the High School and being able to interact with people from other schools." ~Hunter



*Students Speak About
Team LEAD
at a School Board Meeting*

George Earle Students



"Team lead is a leadership group. It is a great way to be a better you, and you can then teach others how to be a better them. I would like to talk to other groups of children like the YMCA and share what team lead is all about." ~Terry

"We went Christmas caroling in the GE neighborhoods. One man told us we made his day. We are trying to stop bullying and want to teach kids how to respect others." ~Briana