**Information about the Student Leadership Class**

**Course Description:**

Student Leadership is a course for students who seek opportunities to expand and deepen their group and individual skills to positively impact their lives and their community. Building on collaborative skills and habits of mind, students will gain knowledge and expertise in leadership skills including goal setting, effective communication, organization time management, and collaborative strategies. In some schools, the course is customized to meet the needs of formal student organizations such as student council. However, this course is adaptable across various student needs and student populations. Students solve relevant and current school and community issues by working collaboratively and independently on high level, real-world tasks such as project proposals, portfolios, and presentations.

**Recommended educator certifications:**

* Instructors must hold a valid Texas secondary teaching certificate
* Instructors must have at least one year of experience teaching at the secondary level
* Instructors should be experienced in lab-oriented, project-based learning and have demonstrated experience in project planning, project implementation, and service-learning experiences.
* Instructors must have completed a minimum of eight hours of training in teaching leadership such as the Texas Association of Student Councils Student Leadership Course Curriculum Academy, Texas Association of Student Councils Summer Leadership Workshops, Texas Association of Student Councils Advisors Workshop, National Student Council LEAD Conferences, California Association of Directors of Activities Conferences, National Conference on Student Activities, CharacterStrong, Covey Leadership Training, etc.