



Leadership Prep School Career Readiness Program Grades 8-12

Program Overview

The Career Readiness Program encourages students to explore career interests while applying their leadership skills and knowledge to real world situations. Students in grades 8-12 complete requirements that enhance the curriculum in the classroom and give them the opportunity to explore careers for post-secondary life. LPS students will connect with the local community and showcase their leadership skills through mentoring, job shadowing, internships, and practicums. *Beginning the 25/26 school year*, students will also have the ability to participate in weekly Lunch and Learns where they will be exposed to various career sectors through industry experts who will be sharing their industry insights, career journeys, and practical advice with our students. Additional career readiness enrichment classes will also be offered weekly, after school.

Credit for Real World Learning

Students will receive credit toward graduation by completing yearly requirements that will help inform and influence choices on colleges and careers. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their leadership abilities and improve their employability skills by participating in mock interviews, job shadowing, internships, and practicums with businesses in the community.

Why Career Readiness?

Everything we do at Leadership Prep ties back to our mission “to inspire students to learn, grow, and lead for a lifetime.” We know that all learning doesn’t happen at school, and we want real-world learning to be part of the leadership experience. By challenging students to apply their knowledge and stretch their learning capacity, the future potential and employability of each student can be greatly expanded. The five-year requirements of this program greatly exceed the expectations of area schools allowing Leadership Prep School graduates to have professional opportunities that others may not have until after high school.

Personalized Career Exploration

Students can customize their experiences according to their personal and career interests. The flexibility of the program allows students to prepare for any post-secondary opportunity including colleges, universities, trade and technical schools, military service, apprenticeships, or workforce training. The hands-on learning with professionals can help students discover new areas of interest or a dream job.

Preparing Future Leaders in the Workforce

Leadership Prep is working with a wide range of Community Partners who will participate in mock interviews and job shadowing as well as host students for internships. Students will be able to apply their knowledge to real-world situations with these businesses and professionals.

Career Readiness and Internship Program - Requirements By Grade

Grade	Graduation Requirements	Additional Expectations/Information
8th	60 cumulative hours by end 12th grade - Leadership Portfolio-Xello -Myself, My WIGS, My Learning, My leadership, My Celebrations, My Professional Experiences - Xello 8th Grade Career Lessons - Professional Interview Project - Xello Resume - Mock Interview practice	- Volunteer/Community Service Hours as required by LPS 2 meetings with Career Readiness Coordinator (Semester 1, Semester 2) - Self leadership growth tracking - Complete employability score assessments (Beginning of year/ End of year)
9th	60 cumulative hours by end of 12th grade - Leadership Portfolio-Xello -Myself, My WIGS, My Learning, My leadership, My Celebrations, My Professional Experience 9th Grade Xello Lessons - Professional Interview Project - Mock Interviews (outside evaluators) - Updated Xello Resume - Participate/reflect on professional speaker opportunities	- Volunteer/Community Service Hours as required by LPS 2 meetings with Career Readiness Coordinator (Semester 1, Semester 2) - Self leadership growth tracking - Complete employability score assessments (Beginning of year/ End of year)
10th	- Defense of Learning Presentation w/panel 60 cumulative hours by end of 12th grade - Leadership Portfolio-Xello -Myself, My WIGS, My Learning, My leadership, My Celebrations, My Professional Experience 10th Grade Xello Lessons - Mock Interview (outside evaluators) - Updated Xello Resume - Participate/reflect on professional speaker opportunities	- Volunteer/Community Service Hours as required by LPS 2 meetings with Career Readiness Coordinator (Semester 1, Semester 2) - Self leadership growth tracking - Complete employability score assessments (Beginning of year/ End of year) - Shadow supervisor evaluation (If applicable)

11th	• 60 cumulative hours by end of 12th grade • Leadership Portfolio-Xello -Myself, My WIGS, My Learning, My leadership, My Celebrations, My Professional Experience • Complete draft of Senior Presentation • Updated Xello Resume • Xello 11th grade Lessons • Participate/reflect on professional speaker opportunities	• Volunteer/Community Service Hours as required by LPS • 2 meeting with Career Readiness Coordinator (Semester 1, Semester 2) • Self leadership growth tracking • Complete employability score assessments (Beginning of year/ End of year) • Professional Resume targeted to entry level industry of choice • Shadow supervisor evaluation (If applicable)
12th	• 60 cumulative hours by the end of 12th grade. Shadow/Internship/Practicum • Senior Defense of Learning Panel Presentation • 12th Grade Xello lessons • Career Certifications as needed (CPR/First Aid, Food Handlers Certificate etc.)	• Volunteer/Community Service Hours as required by LPS • 2 meetings with Career Readiness Coordinator (Semester 1, Semester 2) • Self leadership growth tracking • Complete employability Score assessments (Beginning of year/ End of year) • Professional Resume targeted to entry level position of choice • Shadow supervisor evaluation (If applicable)