
LEADERSHIP

A Component Of Bestprep's Classroom Plus Program

Defining Leadership

What is a leader you would want to follow?

- According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary:
 - : a position as a leader of a group or organization
 - : the power or ability to lead other people

This definition doesn't tell the whole story....

- **Leadership** is the ability to influence positive change in others...Regardless of title or role.

Famous Leaders

Who comes to mind?

How do they inspire you?

Why would you trust following them?



Key Leadership Traits

Where it begins

- Integrity

Where it grows

- Accountability
- Responsibility
- Enthusiasm
- Initiative



Where it thrives

- Reputation, persistence and leading by example



Key Habits of Successful People

- Be Proactive
You're in Charge
- Begin with the End in Mind
Have a Plan
- Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
Listen Before You Talk

Leadership in Business

Work with Others – Teamwork

- Progress – people need direction that
- Build relationships
- Contributing to effort
- Great organizations depend on teamwork
 - the CEO can't do the job alone

Leadership in Business

Thought Leadership

- Providing ideas
- Solving problems
- Asking questions
 - Leaders may not always solve the problem, but they ask the right questions...



Leadership in Business

What's the difference between
Can you be a leader but not a
leadership position/management?

Leader	Manager (who isn't a leader)
Inspire and motivate others	Controls and solves problems
Aligns and influences people	Organizes people and allocates resources
Communicates and delivers the vision	Follows the vision
Plans long term	Plans short term

Leadership in High School

Think of all the places you could be
in a leadership role...



Leadership in Action

- Teach/Model
- Help/Mentor
- Take Action/Responsibilities



Self-Leadership

- Book learning is important, but class activities that help you learn to be interactive and improve social skills are equally important.
- Learning to be a part of a community can be as valuable as your formal education.



Attributes of Self-Leadership

- **Self-Confidence and a Positive Attitude**
- **Friendly and Respectful to Everyone**
- **Trustworthy and Organized**
- **Self-Control (ability to deal with stress)**
- **Acceptance of Others (space, privacy, choices)**

Leadership in College

Taking on a leadership role in college can be one of the best ways to challenge yourself and learn valuable skills that you can use both during and after college.



Leadership on your Resume

How do you show your leadership skills on your resume?

How do you show your leadership skills in an interview?



Leadership in Employment

What employers are looking for:

- Shows initiative and solves problems
- Ability to bring about positive change
- Ability to work effectively on a team as a leader and as a follower
- Reliable and dependable

Take Action!

Do's

- Be optimistic
- Be Committed
- Follow your passions
- Set concrete goals

Don'ts

- Join a club just to “fluff” your resume
- Commit to something and not follow through
- Throw in the towel after a bad experience

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