

LINK Information and Application

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What is LINK?

LINK is a high school program designed to welcome freshmen and help them feel comfortable during their transition to high school. LINK leaders are seniors who mentor freshmen and help them discover what it takes to be successful at Memorial High School. LINK provides the structure for freshmen to receive guidance from their LINK leaders who have been through the trials and tribulations as well as the fun and adventure that come with being a high school student. Numerous studies demonstrate that a positive experience freshmen year strongly correlates with academic and social engagement for the remaining years of high school. In addition, Memorial freshmen survey results indicate that over 90% of surveyed freshmen felt more comfortable about attending high school after spending the day with their LINK leaders!

Who becomes LINK Leaders?

We are looking for ANYONE who is interested in helping freshmen with their transition to high school. LINK is not for a certain “type” of student—we’re just looking for kind, positive, and trustworthy role models willing to help freshmen.

What do I have to do if I become a LINK Leader?

If you become a LINK leader, you will participate in an evening training at Memorial High School this summer (August 17th) which prepares you for your important job. On Freshmen Orientation (August 18th) you will help with a large group assembly, lead a small group of freshmen through some team building activities and lead a school tour. In addition, we are creating ways for you to meet with your Freshmen during the school year.

How do I apply to become a LINK leader?

1. Check with your family, employer, etc. and make sure you are available for LINK training AND Freshmen Orientation (See below for dates/times). All LINK leaders are excused from Memorial sports practices and rehearsals during both of these timeframes. **Unfortunately, if you miss any of the training, you will not be able to become a traditional LINK leader.**
2. Fill out [this application](#) and turn it in by Friday, May 21st.
3. You’ll receive an e-mail (ECASD address) that lets you know if you are a 2021-2022 LINK leader by May 28th. (We will also let you know if you did not make it on our LINK team.) See Ms. Layde if you don’t hear back from us by 5/28.
4. The e-mail new LINK leaders receive will have VERY important forms to fill out that will be due on June 1, so check your e-mail! Thanks.

Before you proceed with this application, be sure you are able to attend these mandatory Link dates.

Add these to your calendar 😊

- **Link Training: Tuesday, August 17th, 5:30-9:30 pm**
 - You are excused from school related practices (sports, music, etc.) on the afternoon of training day (8/19).
- **Freshmen Orientation: Wednesday, August 18th, 10 am-1 pm.**
****You are excused from Memorial sports practices as well as rehearsals during these timeframes.**

