**Leadership Seminar Course Outline**

**Purpose of Leadership Seminar:**

The attitudes of successful leaders can be identified and taught. The old saying that “leaders are born and not made” does not necessarily hold true. The purpose of the Leadership Course is to increase the potential and maximize the benefits of student leadership at Cortland Jr.-Sr. High School. Our school vision is to have “every student graduate prepared to continue his or her education, begin a career, and become a contributing member of our global society.” Students need to develop and apply 21st century skills like problem solving, decision making, the ability to work with others, organizational skills, and communication skills. Leadership’s curriculum is designed specifically for the development of those skills. This curriculum utilizes on one of our school’s biggest assets and resources, our students, to serve as mentors, teachers, and leaders.

**Units of Study:**

1. Climate Building: skills of intervention, conflict resolution, consensus building, paradigm shift, building relationships
2. Organization: skills of goal setting, project planning, time management, agenda development,

Prioritization

1. Leadership: skills of leadership vs. management, leadership styles, situational leadership, group development, bringing change, problem solving
2. Communication: skills of interpersonal and intrapersonal communication, speaking, listening, writing, persuasive communication, technology, and non-verbal skills
3. Presentation: skills of presentation, discussions, classroom management, coaching, observing
4. Personal development: skills of reflection, growth, health and balance in one’s life

**Required Membership:**

Students are required to join a co-curricular club at Cortland Jr.-Sr. High School. Student participation in the club provides an avenue for the real world application of skills taught in this course.

**Required Assignments:**

* Public Speaking Assignment
* Lead an Icebreaker
* Facilitate a meeting
* Complete a Service Leadership Project (10 hours total)
* Maintain a Leadership Portfolio Notebook
* Complete 16 Contract Events
* Complete 1 evaluation paper after a event/project
* Additional assignments will be determined

**Materials:**

* Notebook
* Folder
* Pen/pencil
* Positive attitude

**Class Expectations:**

The expectations of classroom behavior are to create an environment that is conducive to learning for all students. Demonstrating respect to yourself, your classmates, and your teachers is the rule to follow. Individual behaviors will reflect a following of this rule or a disregard for this rule; in the latter case, consequences will be assigned per the Code of Conduct.

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Please contact me with any questions or concerns about your child’s progress.

Information and resources for Leadership Seminar can be accessed through my website. Go to [www.cortlandschools.org](http://www.cortlandschools.org) – events/activities- staff websites- type in “Johnson” – enter.

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We have read and understand the Leadership Seminar Course Outline.

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Any information you would like to share with me about your child: