

Returning Link Leader Application Overland High School 2018-2019



All completed parts of this application are due to Ms. Sanchez (office 108B-Suite B) by 3:00 pm on Friday, May 4, 2018. *Place them in the Link Bin.

Candidate Checklist

- 2 teacher recommendations (Done via Overland's website), teachers listed in application
- Link Leader application completely filled out
- Link Leader contract signed by applicant (student)
- District participation signed by student and parent
- Attached current grades **AND** cumulative GPA to packet

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Eligibility (F's) _____ GPA (Above 2.5) _____

Read by (Initial and Grade)

"I don't do things halfheartedly. Because if I do, then I know I can expect half-hearted results." – Michael Jordan



LINK CREW CONTRACT 2018-2019

Thank you for applying to be a Link Leader for the 2018-2019 school year. Should you be selected to be a Link Leader, you will be making a strong commitment to Overland and our incoming 9th graders. We need to know in advance that you are committed to meeting the responsibilities and requirements of a Link Leader.

As a link leader, you will be looked up to as a role model. You will be seen as a leader in the classroom, in the hallways, at school activities, and in the community. Our expectation is that you are a positive representation of appropriate conduct in each of these arenas. This includes (but is not limited to) using appropriate language, maintaining good grades and attendance, displaying respect for faculty, staff, your peers, school rules, and the school property.

We expect your commitment to Link Crew to be your priority on the days when you are involved in a link crew activity. We also expect that your commitment to your group of freshmen will extend beyond the day of orientation. **If you are selected to be a Link Leader, you will be required to be a student assist in Blazer 101 for 1st semester.** Plan to follow up via phone, email, and /or personal contact with each of your freshmen at least three times over the course of the first semester. Plan to be involved in at least two follow up activities over the course of the first semester.

Please mark these dates on your calendar in case you are selected as a Link Leader:

- **Training/Game Day - Thursday, May 10th from 3-5PM (Cafeteria)**
- **Freshman Orientation Training – Wednesday, August 8th from 9-1:00**
- **Freshman Orientation - Thursday, August 9th from 8:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. WEAR YOUR LINK SHIRT!**
- **Freshman & Overland Community BBQ – Thursday, August 9th from 5-7PM (Hosted by Link Leaders) WEAR YOUR LINK SHIRT!**
- **Multiple meeting dates during 1st semester (all on Thursdays):**
- **8/23/18; 9/20/18; 10/18/18; 11/15/18; 12/6/2018**

Keep in mind these expectations:

- **Monthly meetings during 2018-2019 school year**
- **Continued contact with your group of freshmen via Blazer 101 (If selected, make sure you are signed up to be a student assist in Blazer 101!!!)**
- **Wear your Link Crew shirt on the first two days of school (If you alter your shirt in any way, it must meet the dress code policy! No bellies, No low cut shirts, and you must be able to tell that it is a T-shirt!)**

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understand the expectations of all the Link Leaders. Your signature indicates that you will uphold these expectations to the best of your ability. If you do not feel that you can meet these expectations, please see one of the sponsors immediately so that you can be replaced. **This contract is due on or before May 6 with your application packet!!**

By signing below, I agree to ALL the commitments of being a Link Leader:

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Home Phone Number _____

City, State, Zip _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address (please write very clearly) _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORED ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

In exchange for the opportunity to participate in the Cherry Creek School District No. 5's High School Sponsored Athletics and Activities Programs, (referred to as —HSAAP) and in accordance with applicable Board of Education Policies, I understand and agree to the following:

Scope of Rules

From the day a student first participates in a Cherry Creek School District HSAAP until that student graduates from high school, these rules remain in effect, throughout the school year, including weekends, vacations, and holidays, and regardless if the student is on or off school district property.

The consequences outlined in this Agreement are in addition to, not instead of, those the student may receive under the district's *Student Conduct and Discipline, Rights and Responsibilities* handbook, the Colorado High School Activities Association (—CHSAA) By-laws, coaches' team rules, or other sources. They represent minimum sanctions; the Principal or his/her designee may increase or modify these consequences in particular cases or in general as he or she deems appropriate.

Because students who participate in HSAAP are held to higher behavioral expectations, the principal or his/her designee may determine that a student's conduct constitutes grounds for imposing an HSAAP penalty under these rules, even when that conduct does not result in suspension or expulsion under the conduct and discipline code.

General Expectations

- Students participating in district HSAAP are expected to comply with all applicable Cherry Creek School District No. 5 Board of Education Policies, including but not limited to Policy JJI, *Interscholastic Athletics*, and its accompanying Regulation JJI-R.
- Students participating in district HSAAP are considered to be representatives of himself/herself, fellow team members, coaches, sponsors, teachers, the school, its student body, and the Cherry Creek School District. For these reasons, the participating student is expected to display the highest form of character, behavior and sportsmanship. If at any time, a student's actions bring harm or discredit to the organization of which the student is a member or to the school, the student may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or removal from the HSAAP.
- Students participating in district HSAAP are expected to maintain appropriate academic eligibility as described below.

Academic Expectations

- Eligibility for participation in athletics and specific activities as determined by CHSAA guidelines, the Centennial League, and applicable district policies.
- In accordance with Policy JJI, *Interscholastic Athletics*, a student is ineligible for most of the following quarter if h/she has failed more than one subject the semester preceding the season of competition.
- If the student is failing more than one course weekly, he/she will be ineligible for competition/participation through the following week.
- Each participating student must be enrolled in a minimum of five hours of credit (2.5 Carnegie Units or equivalent) per semester. If not, the student is immediately ineligible to participate in the athletic/activity program.

Behavior Expectations

- Students participating in district HSAAP agree to maintain an appearance and exhibit conduct in the classroom, school and community which is appropriate at all times.
- Students participating in district HSAAP agree not to violate district conduct and discipline policies, including but not limited to, district drug/alcohol/tobacco and weapons policies.
- Students participating in district HSAAP agree not to engage in behavior which is detrimental to the safety, welfare or morals of said athlete, other students or school personnel.

Consequences

The following minimum consequences will result whenever the principal or his/her designee concludes that a student has engaged in a violation of school board policy or expectation under this agreement:

- A. Referral to the appropriate coach or sponsor for disciplinary review and action.
- B. Placement on probation for a number of days and/or upon such conditions as deemed appropriate.
- C. Suspension from participation in a specific number of athletic or activity events. Such sanctions may include but not be limited to:
 - **First Offense:** For Athletics/Activities with 11 or fewer regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next contest/event; for those with more than 11 regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next two contests/events. These suspensions will be imposed whether or not the next contest/event is regular season or outside the regular season.
 - **Second Offense:** For Athletics/Activities with 11 or fewer regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next two contests/events; for those with more than 11 regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next four contests/events. These suspensions will be imposed whether or not the next contest/event is regular season or outside the regular season.
 - **Third Offense and/or continuing offenses:** Additional sanctions which could include some or all of the following: suspension from all HSAAP for one full year from the date of infraction; denial of the opportunity to obtain awards in the sport or activity; suspension from HSAAP for the remainder of the school year and/or extending into succeeding school years.

Nothing in these rules/expectations prohibits the Principal or his/her designee, or individual coaches from establishing and enforcing additional rules applicable to participation in district HSAAP. Notice of the imposition of sanctions shall be made in a timely manner by the Principal or his/her designee to the participating student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

As evidenced by our signatures below, we acknowledge and agree we have read the terms and conditions of the above-referenced *Cherry Creek School District High School Athletics and Activities Participation Agreement*, and understand and agree that all participating students are subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, as well as the provisions of applicable school board policies while participating in these district programs.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Link Leader Application

Part One

1. Name: _____ (As listed in Powerschool)
(First) (Last)
2. What grade will you be in next year (2018 - 2019 School Year): _____
3. Current GPA: _____

***Please print a current Powerschool report and return with completed application.**

4. List the teachers you asked for a recommendation:

*Teacher recommendations are done online via the OHS website. Please give teachers enough notice and let him or her know where to find the recommendation form (OHS Website under Activities and under Link Leaders).

Part Two

5. What post-secondary aspirations do you have and how are you currently working to make those aspirations a reality?

Part Three

As a prospective returning Link Leader, please answer the following questions related to your experience this year:

6. What went well during Orientation Day? What changes, if any, may be needed?

7. Describe your experience as a student assist in Blazer 101. Include the teacher whose class you were assigned and the impact you had as a Link Leader. (If you were not in a Blazer 101 class, please note that and describe why).

8. Provide feedback on how we can make a bigger impact with our incoming freshmen, especially in Blazer 101.

9. Describe how being a returning Link Leader will be different than last year. Why do you want to return as a Link Leader? What will you do differently this time around?

Part Four:

Blazer 101 Teacher recommendation/feedback

10. As a returning Link Leader, you will need to get a written response from the Blazer 101 teacher in whose class you were the student assist. Blazer 101 Teacher Recommendation/Feedback:

Blazer 101 Teacher: _____

I would recommend _____ to be a returning Link Leader for the 2018-2019 school year because...

I would **not** recommend _____ to be a returning Link Leader for the 2018-2019 school year because...

1. Please sign below to acknowledge that you understand that if you are selected to be a Link Leader for the 2018-2019 school year, you understand the following requirements:
 - I understand I will be required to attend all trainings
 - I understand I will be required to attend the full day of Freshman Orientation
 - I understand I will be required to attend the Welcome BBQ for Freshmen and their families
 - I understand I will be required to pay \$5.00 for my Link Crew Shirt, which I will wear on Orientation Day, to the BBQ, and on the first full-day of school
 - I understand I will be required to attend the Freshman BBQ and stay to help clean up
 - I understand I will be required to be a student-assist in Blazer 101.

First and Last Name (Printed): _____

First and Last Name(Signature): _____ Date: _____