Elementary School Level Expectations

5th Grade Only

- Kickoff held at the beginning of the school year
- 10 hours of community service (August 1 - April 1)
- 95% attendance
- No more than 2 discipline write-ups (no out-of-school suspensions)
- All A's and B's on final grades

Incentives:

- Receive a Legacy Leaders t-shirt
- Participate in a year-end program featuring a guest speaker

Middle School Level Expectations

All Grades

- 15 hours of community service (June 1 - April 1)
- 95% attendance
- No more than 2 discipline write-ups (no out-of-school suspensions)
- 3.0 GPA in core subjects and year-long courses

Incentives:

- End-of-year recognition program for all participating students
- 8th grade celebration lunch outside of the building
- 6th and 7th grade ice cream/pizza celebration
- All students receive a free athletic pass to their high school for the following school year

Who?

Legacy Leaders are students who demonstrate academic commitment, positive behavior, strong attendance, leadership, and service to their school and community. Students participating in the program are recognized for modeling the skills and qualities that contribute to success both inside and outside the classroom.

What?

Legacy Leaders is a program sponsored by Washington County Public Schools that aims to develop highly qualified graduates who understand the importance of citizenship, leadership, and service to their community.

When?

Legacy Leaders are identified and recognized annually throughout their school careers. Students are recognized each spring for their achievements and commitment to the program, with graduating seniors receiving additional recognition during senior celebrations and graduation activities.

Why?

Students choose to become Legacy Leaders because the program helps prepare them for meaningful careers and future opportunities in college and leadership.

How?

Students may enroll in the Legacy Leaders program at the beginning of each school year by signing up with their school's Legacy Leaders Coordinator. Participants work toward meeting grade-level expectations related to academics, attendance, behavior, leadership, and community service in order to earn recognition.

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High School Level Incentives

- All underclassmen will receive an athletic pass for the next school year
- Bronze Level (2-years)
  * Chick-fil-A Luncheon
- Silver Level (3-years)
  * Pizza Party
  * Spring Banquet for Seniors
  * Cord at High School Graduation
  * $100 Scholarship
- Gold Level (4-years)
  * Spring Banquet for Seniors
  * Cord at High School Graduation
  * $250 Scholarship

Expectations for High School Students

Service is a core component of the Legacy Leaders program. Twenty hours of documented community service hours are required. Hours are to be completed by April 1 of each school year.

Only non-profit organizations' qualify **(see your sponsor for a list)**

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A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 will be required for **Legacy Leaders** ***recognition.***

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School Attendance must be 95% or above in order to be recognized as a **Legacy Leader.**

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A student with an out-of-school suspension or more than two discipline write-ups will not receive recognition for that school year.

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Appeals may be made to the Assessment Committee

Legacy Leaders Project

A Legacy Leaders Project is a school-wide high school community service learning project designed to encourage leadership, service, and community involvement among students. These projects provide students with opportunities to make a positive impact within their school and community while developing important teamwork and leadership skills.

To earn Gold or Silver recognition and qualify for a monetary scholarship, students must participate in one Legacy Leaders Project during their high school career. All four high schools will offer at least one Legacy Leaders Project during the school year.

Participation is required.

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