

Future Leaders Network

Middle and High School

The Program

The Future Leaders Network (FLN) is an experiential training program, designed to teach leadership, teamwork, and community service skills to middle and high school students. Its mission is to create a safe and healthy school environment where all members of the community can flourish.

The training year consists of eight full days of interactive sessions, where heterogeneous team members are involved in needs assessment, challenges, leadership skills training and practice. The culminating performance-product for each team is the *Action Project*—an undertaking in response to a school's prominent needs and which is likely to result in school wide improvement. Parents are offered an opportunity to discuss their child's involvement with FLN throughout the training period. FLN trainers continually seek to refine their knowledge and skills through ongoing professional development.

Results

Over a two-year period, participating students have demonstrated year-to-year growth in leadership skills, facilitation of small groups, teambuilding and project development skills. Qualitative feedback from students and teachers suggest long-term benefits of FLN in character development, social and psychological maturation, self-efficacy, and resilience.



Learning Standards

Career Development and Occupational Studies: All CDOS standards are addressed.

Health, Physical Education & Home Economics: (2) acquire the knowledge and ability necessary to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment.

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