

PEER GROUP CONNECTION-HIGH SCHOOL Peer Leader Application

Dear Students:

The **Peer Group Connection-High School (PGC-HS)** program will begin next fall. This program trains older students to help 9th graders make a successful transition into high school. We will be selecting a limited number of qualified students to be peer leaders.

Peer Group Connection Program Overview

Throughout the year, PGC-HS peer leaders will work in co-leader pairs as group discussion leaders and positive role models for their younger peers. During weekly sessions, peer leaders will lead discussions and activities with the same small group of 9th graders. Our goal is to help 9th graders feel welcomed into the high school and develop the skills they need to handle everyday challenges.

We recognize that you can be very influential among your peers, and we encourage you to consider applying to become a PGC-HS peer leader. PGC-HS peer leaders will:

- take a year-long leadership course and receive course credit
- facilitate weekly discussions and activities with 9th graders
- serve as positive role models throughout the school

Peer leaders are trained in team building, group facilitation, problem-solving, decision-making, and communication skills. In addition, peer leaders will learn about specific content areas, including time management, academic pressures, relationships with family and friends, alcohol and other drugs, and other topics. PGC peer leaders are required to participate in an overnight weekend retreat, to attend all classes as scheduled, and to facilitate weekly discussions with 9th graders throughout the year.

Commitment to Peer Group Connection-High School

Participation in PGC-HS requires a commitment of time, energy, dedication, responsibility and a desire to help and support others. Students who participate are role models in a position of leadership and develop a special bond with other students, and 9th graders look up to their peer leaders and are influenced by their behavior and attitudes.

Please apply only if you are interested in helping and supporting 9th graders who are making the transition to high school. We encourage you to discuss the responsibilities of being a PGC-HS peer leader with your parents and to contact us if you have any questions about the program.

Application Process

Please complete and return this PGC-HS application to Mrs. Kennedy in the main office by April 26, 2019. All applicants must participate in a *Group Interview* scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the Guidance Conference Room. It is very important that all interested applicants participate in this activity. It will give us an opportunity to get to know you better and to give you firsthand experience participating in a PGC-HS activity. When we have received your application, we will notify you of your interview date and time.

If you have any questions, please contact us!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hunt: Room 127, hunta@person.k12.nc.us, Peer Group Connection (PGC-HS) Advisor

Mr. Hargrove: Room 223, hargrovep@person.k12.nc.us, Peer Group Connection (PGC-HS) Advisor

Mrs. Honeycutt: Room 207, honeycuttm@person.k12.com, Peer Group Connections Stakeholder Team Facilitator

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Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City

State

Zip Code

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

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You must be able to meet the following requirements for your application to be considered:

- Attendance at a 3-day overnight retreat to be held August 16-18
- Signature of parent or guardian
- Sufficient credits to be on track for graduation

If you can meet the above requirements, complete both pages of this application and return to Mrs. Kennedy in the main office by April 26, 2019.

As a Peer Group Connection peer leader, I will be aware that I am a role model in my school and community, and I will behave accordingly. Specifically, I will uphold the rules of my school both in and out of school.

Your Signature

Date

My child, _____, has permission to participate in PGC as a peer leader for the _____ school year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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