



Link Crew Introduction

Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior class to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school.

Link Crew's goal is to provide Carson High with a structure in which students make real connections with each other. Through this program, students learn that people at school care about them and their success. Link Crew is the high school transition program that will increase attendance, decrease discipline referrals and improve academic performance.

Since August, 2004, every freshman has been welcomed to Carson High with a phenomenal orientation. Students are welcomed and "wowed" while participating in the assemblies and in small group activities with Link Leaders. The same Link Leader that led the new students on Orientation Day will provide social and academic support throughout the school year. Link Leaders are also trained to teach life-skills lessons in freshman classrooms throughout the year. Students are an invaluable and untapped resource. At the heart of the Link Crew program is the belief that the older students at Carson High are capable of incredible things.

Ways in which Link Crew and Link Leaders support freshmen:

- Acting as a mentor throughout the year
- Extending personal invitations to events such as orientation, club fair, and other school activities
- Providing support by checking in with the student through out the year.
- Offers academic support by teaching lessons in freshmen classes on areas such as making good choices, using resources on campus, and dealing with peer pressure.
- Sponsoring social events on campus to help freshmen and leaders stay connected

Because Link Crew Leaders are positive, natural leaders from a broad social cross-section, student leadership is shared by a variety of groups at Carson High and the campus climate reflects such.

Ultimately freshmen will start to see themselves as leaders on campus, too.

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Link Crew Calendar of Events 2007-08

AUGUST

16 and 17; Leader Training
21; Freshmen Orientation
21; Senator Luau

SEPTEMBER

3; Leader Meeting
8; Leader Lock In;
12; Open House
17; Academic Training
19-20; Academic Lessons in English classes
29; Homecoming week lunch time activity
29; Homecoming parade
30; DJ Homecoming Dance

OCTOBER

1; Leader Meeting
4; Parent-Link Leader Mixer
12; Freshman Tailgate party
15; Academic Training
17; Career Day
17; DJ St. Teresa's Dance
24; DJ Eagle Valley Middle School Dance

NOVEMBER

5; Leader Meeting
12; Academic Training
13-14; Academic Lessons in Science classes
14; Capture the Flag
16; Student Link Crew Conference

DECEMBER

3; Leader Meeting
10-13; Cookies-n-Cram study session
15; DJ Eagle Valley Middle School Dance

JANUARY

7; Leader Meeting
21; Academic Training
23; St. Teresa's 8th grade Orientation
23-24; Academic Lessons in English classes
30; Winterfest lunch time activity

FEBRUARY

4; Leader Meeting
11; Academic Training
13-14; Academic Lessons in Science classes
14; DJ Eagle Valley Middle School Dance
19-29; Dodgeball Tournament

MARCH

3; Leader Meeting
8; Black and White Dance
15; Leader Fun Day

APRIL

3/31-4/2; New Link Leader Recruitment
7; Leader Meeting
14; Academic Training
17; 8th Grade Orientation
17-18; Academic Lesson at both middle schools
18; DJ Big Blue Bash
22; DJ Carson Middle School Dance
30; Leader Development Day
30; DJ Eagle Valley Middle School Dance

MAY

5; Leader Meeting
7; DJ Carson Middle School Penny Wars
10; Car Wash
10; DJ Pioneer Prom
14; Year end Banquet Celebration
16; DJ St. Teresa's Dance

JUNE

3; DJ both middle school year end parties
6; DJ St. Teresa's promotion party

Carson High Statistics

ACADEMIC STATISTICS

9th Grade failure rate has significantly declined.***

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	15%	15%	16%	13%

10th Grade ITED scores have increased in all subject areas.*

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Math	42.6	46	57.4
Reading	47.1	45	55.6
Language	34.2	35.7	43.4
Science	38.9	42.6	54.2

(All scores are recorded as % exceeding the 50th percentile)

Carson High juniors are more successful with passing all proficiency exams.*

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Math	64%	80%	81%
Language Arts	84%	93%	96%

Special Education students and English Language Learners are making phenomenal academic growth.*

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Proficiency Exams			
IEP Math	22%	39%	61%
IEP Language Arts	53%	58%	78%
LEP Math	47%	55%	75%
LEP Language Arts	54%	79%	92%

BEHAVIORAL STATISTICS

Since Link Crew's inception, there has been a reduction of irresponsible and risky behavior.***

62% reduction of tardies.
50% reduction of habitual truancies
60% reduction of violence related referrals

Students are making better lifestyle choices.**

Abstain from	2003	2005	2007
Alcohol	16.8	22.1	22.7
Marijuana	49.4	51	63
Methamphetamines	87.7	83.9	95.5
Sexual intercourse	52.6	51.6	58.7
Smoking	38.7	39.8	52.3

*Nevada Department of Education Nevada Report Card

** 2003, 2005, 2007 Nevada Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Carson City School District, High School Results

***Carson High School data

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STATISTIC ON CULTURE

Carson High students feel safe at school.**

	2003	2005	2007
most times	36.3	44.3	46.8
always	23.5	30.2	26.3

Freshmen entering high school after the implementation of Link Crew, feel more comfortable at school.***

On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable were you in high school during your freshman year?

Class of 2006	Class of 2009
5.5	7.6

Student involvement in school has increased.***

On a scale of 1-10, how involved in school were you your freshman year?

Class of 2006	Class of 2009
3.4	6.0

Link Crew has been embraced by students as a positive change in the school's culture.***

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Freshman Orientation Attendance	75	78	83	97
Number of Link Crew Leaders	68	77	97	93
Number of returning leaders	n/a	6	24	33

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Link Crew Budget 2007-08

EXPENDITURES

Books	\$3,006.95
Equipment	\$1,424.00
Instructional Supplies	\$7,494.00
Salary	\$14,140.26
Training	\$1,330.00
Uniforms	\$2,293.00
Total Expenditures	\$29,688.21

INCOME

Fundraising	\$10,078.62
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DISTRICT COST \$19,609.59