



CITY ACADEMY

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Student Service Learning Committees

Student committees are certainly not new to schools. However, at City Academy we are taking a unique approach that stems from our commitment to helping each student become a responsible, proactive member of their communities. Every student and teacher is involved in a service learning committee of their choosing that meets during school time once a week and additionally as needed in order to contribute to the success of our school community – each committee and each committee member in their own way. Students and adults provide service for our school community while also learning more about issues, skills, and responsibilities of their particular services. The student members of each of these committees are the school leaders in their respective areas, being proactive about “getting things done” and recruiting additional student and adult help as needed. Additionally, each committee will develop awareness of and participate with agencies and groups doing work similar to theirs in the larger community.

There is much current research from the civic and character education communities suggesting that active, ethical, and empathetic adult citizens do not all of a sudden appear, rather they develop from young people who have had opportunities to contribute, lead, and make hard decisions in supportive settings like schools. Committee participation at City Academy is one way that we are modeling and teaching active citizenship, and helping to incubate future leaders.

Students apply for and are chosen or elected to committees during the first week of school in advisories. Student Committees at City Academy include:

Green School

- Maintain the school's grease bus including making biodiesel, do press outreach, present at other schools
- Garden, composting, Garden-to-Lunch program
- Evaluate & implement actions to improve school ecology, ex. Eco Cleaner
- Generally work to green our school and our community

Library

- Create & maintain data base of library materials
- Coordinate check in/out
- Create & implement acquisition plan for library
- Work with certified library consultant
- School book fair(s)
- Generally keep CA library organized and useable

Peer Mediation & Welcome

- Train in conflict resolution
- Organize and implement “welcome” activities
- Serve as a dress code committee to be called into action as needed
- Generally help members of our school community resolve conflicts and feel welcome at school

PR / Information

- Artistic and/or graphic arts support for school functions and activities
- Photography and/or graphic arts support for producing school yearbook
- Morning announcements
- Help tell our school community and the world about the good things going on at City
 - Create & maintain school information and display bulletin boards
 - Write press releases and stories for student website
 - Record announcements to be played at CA between classes (work w/ Bruce)
 - Produce promotional materials – poster, flyers
- Generally help promote and record school activity

Safety, Building, & Grounds

- Fire, earthquake, and other emergency preparedness education & drills
- Coordinate first aide response with Sara
- Recycling implementation & improvement
- Review building, furniture, & grounds weekly for safety & improvement – report to building manager
- Water and care for plants in & around the building
- Organize special clean-up, reorganization, construction, moving, etc. as needed
- Generally help develop and maintain a safe, clean, orderly, inviting, school facility

Social Committee

- Regular social activities – grad/promo dance, other dances/socials
- Special events – Thanksgiving & last day of school lunches, spirit week, egg hunt, haunted house, etc.
- Birthdays & other recognitions
- Generally organize and hold whole-school activities that promote connection, fun, and appreciation within our school community

Student Government

- Develop proposals for school improvement, resolution of school issues, etc.
- Provide 2 representatives for City Academy Advisory Council
- Facilitate town & village meetings
- Create & maintain motto wall (including “In God We Trust”)
- Generally act as the guardian and catalyst for our laboratory of democracy

Student Store & Fund Raising

- Student Store – snacks, pens/pencils, logo items (work with PR committee on design)
- Earn food handler’s permit – sell and track breakfast & lunch options
- Other specific school fund raising events
- Promote & track ways in which members of our school community can contribute to the school through: Albertsons, Smiths, Schoolpop, Cream-of-Weber, Campbells, General Mills, ink cartridges & cell phones recycle, etc.
- Help with special event ticket sales
- Generally manage activities, programs, and events that raise money for our school

Tech Corps

- Further the education of teachers and students about technology
- Help maintain and upgrade technology in the building
- Generally provide technology support for students and adults in the school

Wellness

- Healthy lunch, breakfast, & snack choices
- Lunchtime activities – board games, sports activities, etc.
- Organized after school sports tournaments, prizes
- Intra-school competitions between Divisions, among advisories, etc.
- Fitness activities offered regularly during lunch and/or after school to get the whole school involved in a healthier lifestyle initiative – “Walk Across America”
- General implementation of the school Wellness Policy and Healthy School initiative