

Junior Leadership Course Outline

Are you ready for a fabulously fun and rewarding year? Then you're in the right place as a member of this year's Mouat Junior Leadership Team!

Course Description

Junior Leadership is a four credit extended day course offered to all grade 9 and 10 students of W.J. Mouat. Leadership students have the incredible opportunity to learn leadership skills while participating in student government, fostering school spirit, and serving the community through fundraising and support activities.

Teacher Contact

Students and Parents, feel free to contact Ms. Fillion at any time with any questions or comments at coleen_fillion@sd34.bc.ca

Website

Visit the Leadership Website for continual updates on all Leadership activities. www.mouatonline.com/Teachers/CFillion/LeadershipWeb/

Evaluation

Leadership is a linear course that spans the entirety of the ten month school year. Marks will be regularly updated on www.checkmymark.com; however, it is important to keep in mind that students will not receive their final mark until June. Students will be evaluated according to their work in two main categories: Projects 30% and Participation Hours 70%.

1. Projects 30%

Leadership students will be expected to complete several individual and group projects throughout the school year. The major group project for the year will correspond to the school's new Mouat Pitches In Environment Program. Groups will be responsible for planning and executing an Environmental Awareness Activity based on a pre-determined monthly theme as well as an Environmental Awareness Activity based on a Nationally Recognized Environmental Awareness Day. Project evaluation will be based on planning, execution success, and self-evaluation. In addition, Quote of the Month journals are included in this category. Students have an opportunity to receive bonus marks for participating in school-wide activities

such as Operation Christmas Child, Adopt-A-Family, Mountain of Food Drive, and the Annual Clothing Drive.

2. Participation Hours 70%

The total number of participation hours has been determined by combining the number of hours students would spend in a regular class plus an estimate of number of hours students would normally spend on homework for a regular class. The hours have been divided evenly between the two semesters. All participation hours must be logged in GoogleDocs and witnessed by a supervisor. Completed logs are due at the end of each semester. The volunteer hours component of the course is broken up into five categories: Meetings, School Spirit Hours, Leadership Volunteer Hours, School Volunteer Hours, and Community Volunteer Hours.

- **Meetings (18 hours per semester)**

Leadership students are expected to attend all scheduled meetings. Meetings are scheduled for 2:30pm every Tuesday and Thursday except on holidays or unless students are otherwise notified of a change. See the Events Calendar on the Leadership Website for meeting times and details. Attendance at meetings is crucial as this is where students will receive all new event information and expectations for the following week. If a student can not attend a meeting, they are expected to obtain the missed information from the Events Calendar on the website, and they must have their absence excused by their parent in writing.

- **School Spirit Hours (5 hours per semester)**

Fostering school spirit is an important mandate of the Leadership Team. Student Leaders are able to do this by attending any number of school based events or participating in any number of clubs. In order to encourage diversity and help support other school groups, each student will be expected to attend at least one sporting event and one non-sporting event per semester. Students are free to choose other events to attend in order to complete the remaining hours. Students will receive bonus marks in the Projects Category for participating in School Spirit Dress-up days.

- **Leadership Volunteer Hours (20 hours per semester)**

Most of the Leadership Volunteer Hours can easily be accumulated by simply working on Mouat Pitches In activities; however, any work done towards other leadership initiatives counts.

- **School Volunteer Hours (10 hours per semester)**

W.J. Mouat is a constant hub of activity. With so many ambitious projects being taken on by Mouat clubs, teams, classes, and teachers, there is much demand for student help. School Volunteer Hours can be earned by helping out any Mouat group or staff member outside of the leadership team.

- **Community Volunteer Hours (5 hours per semester)**

W.J. Mouat prides itself on its involvement in the surrounding community. There are many people and organizations right here in Abbotsford that are in desperate need of reliable help. Working in the community allows Leadership students to learn compassion, meet new people, make connections, and gain valuable work experience while making a difference close to home.