

Student CORE Leader Information Sheet

So, you want to be in the Core...

We are excited about your interest in being a part of the Core student leadership team at OneEighty Student ministries. The following is to help answer some of the questions you may be asking. If some of your questions are not answered, don't hesitate to contact Dean Hidy at 303-660-9911 Ext:101 or by email at Dean@Heritageefc.net.

How do I get in?

1. You must fill out an application and sign this document, understanding the requirements and expectations of the Core.
2. You must interview with the CORE adult leader. The CORE leader will review the Standards of the Core and other basic guidelines with you.

What is expected of a Core student leader?

A Core student leader is expected to live a life that models what it means to follow after Christ, in other words, a “no doubt” lifestyle—there is no doubt you are a disciple of Jesus Christ. We ask leaders to model our purposes, vision, and mission for the Core Leadership Team. Below is a brief overview of each.

Vision: Teenagers IMPACTING their world with Christ's love. Each Core student leader is expected to impact their world by modeling Christ's love.

Mission: Seek and Serve God.....Seek and Serve Others. Each Core student leader is expected to live Matthew 22:37–40, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (NIV), and Matthew 28:19–20, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations” (NIV).

Core Values:

- We are responsible for the lost.
- Spiritual growth is a process.
- Teenagers are the church of today, not tomorrow.
- God and excitement actually do go together.

Our Purposes: Impacting the world by...

Investing in others through friendship evangelism (Matt 28:19–20; Mark 16:15).

Magnifying God through worship and lifestyle (Ps 34:3; Matt 5:16).

Putting God first (Matt 22:37; Luke 9:23, 14:33).

Acting like Christ by serving others (Eph 6:7; James 2:17).

Character development - maturing spiritually (1 Tim 4:12; 1 Pet 2:2).

Teamwork (Acts 2:42,44, 4:32).

Each Core student leader is expected to live out and model God's purposes for us.

Core Attendance Requirements.

Since leadership involves modeling behavior for others, we ask for consistent on time attendance at the following:

1. All weekly church services, including Sunday services and Sunday School, Sunday Night OneEighty, and any special services and events when applicable. (see Standards of the CORE)
2. Core Leadership Think-Tank: Once every other month during the second service at church from 10:30am-12:00pm.
3. Core Leadership Training: A two-hour session every other month after church.

What Are the Benefits of the Core?

1. Learn leadership skills that will benefit you throughout your life.
2. Get to spend extra time with adult leaders who are devoted to helping you succeed.
3. See God use you to further his kingdom.
4. Know you had a large part in helping OneEighty Youth Ministries grow.
5. Grow closer to God and the group.

Can Someone Get Kicked Out of the Core?

A member of this team can make the choice to leave at any time. A member also can be asked to leave Core if they have not responded to the “three-attempts” rule:

Attempt #1: Lateral accountability (student-to-student accountability).

Attempt #2: CORE Adult Leader meets with Core member and they discuss problem and possible solutions.

Attempt #3: Youth pastor meets with Core member, and if problem is not resolved, Core member will be asked to leave Core.

OneEighty Youth Ministries Core Student Leadership

God’s Word tells us leaders are to live by a higher standard. Often people mistake leadership as a position, a title, or a place where one can be popular and powerful. This isn’t true leadership; true servant leadership is using your gifts and influence to serve others. The Core is for teenagers who are willing to do what it takes to rise to a higher standard to be key influencers in extending the kingdom of God.

Standards of the Core

1. **Leaders lead by example.** It is impossible to lead without consistent attendance and participation. We ask that all leaders in the Core be present at the following:
 - Sunday Services: Sunday school, Sunday service, Sunday night OneEighty.
 - Leadership meetings.
 - Think Tank: Once every other month during second service, 10:30am–12pm.
 - Core Leadership Training: A two-hour meeting once every other month.
 - Other OneEighty youth ministry events. Examples include outings, outreach, retreats, and other events that we add through the year.
 - All Core members are expected to attend our OneEighty Summer T.E.A.M. missions trips.

** We realize that because of time demands and schedules, there will be times that someone has to miss some things. We only ask for COMMUNICATION IN ADVANCE. Contact Dean Hidy when you are unable to attend something by phone at 303-660-9911 Ext:101 or by e-mail at DeanHidy@heritagefc.net

2. **A Core student leader must model a servant attitude.** Mark 10:45 says, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others” (NLT). Serving others is the focus rather than pride, ego, and boasting.
3. **Core students must have a personal relationship with Christ** and are expected to have a regular daily time alone with God in prayer and reading God’s Word.
4. **A Core student must be active in a ministry.** Examples include worship team, welcome team, service team, and we encourage you to start a new ministry if God leads you to do so.
5. **A Core student is expected to live Ephesians 4:29**, “Don’t let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only that which is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen” (NIV). Core leaders are to be positive and encouraging. If there is a problem among the group, Core students are expected to talk with the Core leader about it, not other students. Core students are expected to support the adult leadership team.
6. **A Core student is expected to be a facilitator to help connect new students** in the group. This means keeping an eye out for new students, talking and sitting with them, and introducing them to others.
7. **We request that obvious Christian convictions and standards be upheld.** We especially call attention to the following.
 - A. All movies and music must simply pass this test: Would Christ be approving of this?
 - B. We request that all Core students dress modestly and appropriately at all services and OneEighty Youth Ministry activities. In order to uphold a high standard and not distract from our main purpose, we ask that Core students refrain from wearing short shorts, mini-skirts, spaghetti straps, mid-drift shirts, or extremely tight or low-cut clothing while at any church activities.
 - C. Because dating can be such a trouble area that Satan uses to pull down students, we ask the following:
 1. In keeping with Scripture, no Core student should date a non-Christian.
(2 Corinthians 6:14-16 NIV)
8. **A Core leader must live by a higher standard.** The Bible commands us to “abstain from even the appearance of evil” (1 Thess 5:22 KJV). Those in leadership should have a godly hatred of sin and should be willing to walk away from anything that might have the appearance of evil. Students are expected obey laws with respect to alcohol, tobacco, and non-prescription drugs. Students are also expected to use personal judgment in regards to allowing themselves to be places that have the appearance of evil, that could lead them to sin, and that could be a hindrance to their witness.

Why do you want to be a part of OneEighty Youth Ministries Student Core?

Core Commitments:

- I agree to grow and mature in my relationship with God through personal, daily times of reading my Bible, praying, and scripture memory.
- I agree to a personal growth plan, (to be discussed later.)
- I understand and agree to submit to all the Standards of the Core.
- I agree to serve in a ministry of OneEighty Youth Ministries, using my gifts and abilities to further the kingdom of God.
- I commit to be on time to all church services. If for any reason I am unable to attend any service, I agree to call and let the youth office know ahead of time.
- I understand and have memorized OneEighty Youth Ministry's core values, purposes, mission and vision.
- I agree to hold other Core members accountable to the standards and guidelines set forth in this application as required.
- I understand and agree to attend and be on time to all Core and Think Tank meetings.
- I understand and agree to the "three-strikes, you're out" rule.
- I agree to turn in a Core report once a month.
- I agree to make the OneEighty T.E.A.M. missions trip in the summer a priority.

Which ministry are you currently involved in? Please describe your involvement?

Which ministry would you like to be a part of this next semester?

Dear Parent,

Your Student has applied to be in the Core Student leadership team.

What does that mean? It means your student desires to make a high commitment to be a key student leader at OneEighty Youth Ministries. We are pro family and want you to know we are very concerned about the family life of our student leaders. We don't want to have them out every night away from their family.

What are the time commitments? We are asking Core students to attend Sunday School and services, OneEighty on Sunday night, attend a meeting once every other month from 10:30 to 12pm, and attend Core leadership training after the second church service from 12-2pm every other month. We are also asking the Core student leaders to be a part of a ministry team (each requires different amounts of time), and care for OneEighty students. As you can see we have tried to group most weekly away from home time demands one day, Sunday, so that students are available to spend time with their families.

What you can expect from us:

1. We will **model** Christian leadership for your kids.
2. We will **mentor** them in their leadership development.
3. We will **monitor** their growth as student leaders.
4. We will **motivate** them through encouragement and feedback.
5. We will encourage them to **multiply** by sharing their giftedness with others.

Please talk with your child and make sure that you can support the commitments we are asking for.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 303-660-9911 Ext:101 or e-mail us at Dean@Heritageefc.net.

Striving to help families grow closer together,

OneEighty Youth Ministries Leadership Team