The 5 Goals of Student Council

1. To Build Leadership Capacity

By maximizing the capacity of building leadership skills within your student council, school, and community, you are capitalizing on the consistently-increasing number of students that are looking for opportunities to utilize their leadership potential. Every student has the potential to be a leader, but they may be in need of a more visible opportunity to be a part of a leadership team. By welcoming new members into your student councils and exercising their leadership skills, you are building leadership capacity.

2. To Create Community and School Service Opportunities

One of the most important aspects of leadership is the ability to help others, and the ability of a student council to open service opportunities for students to get involved in their schools and communities and allow those students to be an active part of a leadership experience unlike any other. Planning and hosting meaningful service activities provide students with experiences that stress responsibility, self-confidence, self-accomplishment, dedication, respect, and integrity.

3. To Increase Networking & Communication Among Students

Increasing communication between student leaders allows for an increase in student council effectiveness because it enables students to guide each other more quickly and efficiently to the goals they set. Moreover, an increase in networking among students is essential to allowing for an environment that strives to raise communication levels.

4. To Implement New Student Council Programs & Activities

Promoting new programs for your student council will increase the effectiveness of your organization in setting, planning, implementing, and achieving goals. Programs that build leadership skills, including leadership capacity and communication, allow for a leadership environment that supplements students with necessary tasks to move swiftly and effectively towards goals.

5. To Self-Evaluate for Council Effectiveness

The most pertinent and essential tool in the leadership process, at any level, is evaluation. Through the self-evaluation process, you and your student leaders will learn which areas and programs of your student council are the most useful, which are in need of improvement, and which may no longer support or accomplish their goals.