

Take the Lead



Take the Lead is a leadership development and high school readiness program that offers middle school students the opportunity to serve as Team Captains for younger students on the Urban Initiatives soccer team or on other sports teams within their school community. Captains participate in group mentoring sessions, or “huddles”, that promote the development of key social emotional learning skills. Through quarterly leadership retreats, students meet fellow Captains, build their peer networks, and develop social capital and transferrable leadership skills.

THE BASICS:

- Serves up to 10 5th-8th graders
- Monthly huddles
- Quarterly retreats

TTL is a FREE add-on to OST soccer after *at least one year* of participation

UI PROVIDES:

- Recruitment of students
- Curriculum for TTL Coach designed to promote SEL and leadership skill development
- Recruitment and training of TTL Coach
- Transportation for retreats

SCHOOL PROVIDES:

- Space for monthly huddles
- Access to student recruitment opportunities
- Point person of contact for UI staff
- Referrals/recommendations for TTL Coach from school community

“ I learned that you should always set an example. The program made me care about my teammates more. ”

Need more info?

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