

### PLUS (Peer Leaders Uniting Students) Team

Dear Prospective PLUS Team Member:

Thank you for your interest in wanting to apply to be a PLUS Team member at Peninsula High School. The position of a PLUS Team member is a serious, highly regarded appointment. **Please note that there is a** *mandatory* **orientation and training day on Thursday, August 22 in order to participate in this class.** 

The PLUS Team is a handpicked group of students from a variety of backgrounds, who work together as a team to incorporate activities on campus that promote inclusion, acceptance, and connections. PLUS Team members are students who want to make a positive impact on school culture and who are willing to work hard to achieve that goal. The following are activities implemented by the PLUS Team:

- <u>PLUS Forums</u> This activity is the central focus of the PLUS program. The team serves as facilitators for group discussion and activities between a selected group of students from a variety of backgrounds on campus. Students are put through a variety of interactive discussions and activities in an effort to break down the walls you put up unconsciously as students. The forums serve as a means for students to develop an understanding of who each other is rather than what they are labeled as. The PLUS Team then makes positive changes by implementing the ideas shared by Peninsula students at the forums. Forums are held once a quarter with 25-30 students in attendance.
- <u>Faculty/Staff Appreciation</u> The PLUS Team creates and participates in activities that promote faculty/staff appreciation throughout the entire school year.
- <u>Activities</u> Members of the PLUS Team will be responsible for implementing activities throughout the year, including Red and Yellow Ribbon Weeks, Anti-Stress activities, and the Special Olympics Unified Track Meet.

To be considered as a PLUS Team member in the PLUS Program you must fill out the following application, participate in a group interview, and complete a taskoriented interview.



## \*\*Please note that this course is ONLY offered 4<sup>th</sup> period\*\*

Thank you for showing an interest in the PLUS Team and becoming part of the PLUS Program. Good luck with your application and if you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Daley (daleyp@pvpusd.net), PLUS Coordinator.

\*\*\*\*Applications are due to Mr. Daley, PLUS Coordinator, in M36 or his Mailbox no later than *Monday, May 13th by 3:00pm*. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted\*\*\*\*



## <u>PLUS Team Application</u> Checklist

\*\*Applications are due to Mr. Daley, PLUS Coordinator, in M36 or his Mailbox no later than 3:00pm on Monday, May 13, 2019.

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- 1. Completed PLUS Team Application with picture \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. School Counselor/Teacher recommendation \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Community Member (non-relative) recommendation \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Code of Ethics \_\_\_\_
- 5. Please sign below the following statement:

I have been informed that there is a **mandatory** training that I am required to attend in order to participate in this class. By signing below, I am committing to the training day at PVPHS on **August 22 (9-3:00pm with lunch included)**. I have consulted with my parent or guardian that I am able to be in attendance.

Student Signature/

Parent Signature



### 2019-2020 PLUS Team Application (Due to Mr. Daley in M36 by 3pm on May 13, 2019)

	Insert/attach photo	here
Name:		<b>Grade:</b> (2019-2020)
Address:		City/Zip:
Phone number (Best	number to contact you):	
Gender:	Email address:	(please write clearly)
How long have you at	tended Peninsula High School?	Adult t-shirt size:

As part of the application process, group interviews and a task oriented interview will conducted on the same day. Please check which date and time you are available to attend the interviews. You will be contacted on Monday, May 20th with your interview time.

	Tuesday	Thursday
	May 21	May 23
3:00-4:15		



# Please complete the following questions. Feel free to write out or type your questions; however, written answers should be completely legible.

1. What compels you to want to be a PLUS Team Member?

2. Outside of school what are some of your interests?

3. What activities, if any, do you participate in at Peninsula High School?



**4.** a) What do you consider to be one of your greatest strengths? Please explain.

b) What is one thing that you would like to improve about yourself? Please explain.

**5.** A large part of your responsibilities as a PLUS student will be to facilitate student led discussions, provide community outreach via public service announcements, speaking to local middle schools, etc. **On a scale of 1-10, please circle below how comfortable are you with public speaking (1= not comfortable at all, 10= extremely comfortable).** 

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. Have you participated in a PLUS event? Describe your experience.



### Contract of Responsibilities for Participation in the Peninsula High School PLUS Program

As a student enrolled in the Peninsula High School PLUS Program, I agree to follow the rules and policies established to govern the PLUS Program at Peninsula High School. I understand the following and accept as my personal *code of ethics*.

- 1. **Dignity** I will respect the dignity and individuality of the people I encounter during my tenure in the PLUS Program.
- 2. **Confidentiality** I will respect the confidentiality of the helping relationships that I engage in as a PLUS Program member.
- 3. **Duty to Inform** I understand that I have a duty to inform an adult supervisor about any situations regarding potential or suspected suicide attempts, abuse, threatened violence, or homicide.
- 4. **Supervision** I understand I will be supervised by a variety of adults and agree to follow the guidance that is offered in supervision.
- 5. **School Policy** I understand that all school policies must be followed, and if I neglect to follow the school policies, it could result in termination from the PLUS Program.
- 6. *Honesty* I understand the importance of being honest and will not be dishonest to benefit other students on this campus, as well as myself.
- 7. *Leadership* I understand that I am a leader in this program and will strive to lead in a positive way both **on** and **off** the *Peninsula High School* campus.

I understand and agree to the above responsibilities as my *code of ethics* as a member of the **Peninsula High School PLUS Program:** 

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: _	
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### Peninsula High School PLUS Team Member School Counselor/Teacher Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to be a PLUS Team Member for the 2019-2020 school year. Your recommendation is a key factor in our consideration of this application and will remain confidential. <u>IT</u> **SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE STUDENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE before May 13.** 

Your name:	Signature:
Relationship to applicant:	
How long have you known applicant?	
Email or phone number where you can be reached:	

Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics. PLUS Team Members need to understand the importance of responsibility and confidentiality that entails this position. Your carefully considered response is of the utmost importance to our program.

Poor	• 0	1	2	3	4	5	6 Excellent
Approachable	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Honest	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Self Directed	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Committed	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Empathetic	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Supportive	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Attendance/ Punctuality	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Leadership	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Initiative	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Relations with</i> A variety of peers	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Overall Recommendation	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Comments (please use backside if necessary):



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