



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2018

The Illinois Elementary School Association will be hosting the first ever student leadership conference for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Friday, September 7, 2018. This student-centered conference will be held in conjunction with the IESA Athletic Directors workshop at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington. The IESA wants to educate member schools' students on elements of being a leader within their schools and using their influence for the benefit of their school and local community.

## **The goals of the student leadership conference are to:**

- support and develop emerging student leaders throughout the state
- connect students with their peers from different geographic locations
- provide focused instruction and activities that will expose students to trending and relevant topics for their age group
- create school-specific action plan to promote sportsmanship and character
- think globally about using interscholastic activities as a tool to expand student leadership

Students will have the opportunity to hear from a nationally-recognized speaker throughout the day and participate in breakout sessions on topics including *Using Your Influence, Expectations of Leaders, Hazing Prevention and Response* and *Conflict Resolution*.

While students attend student-specific sessions, the adults will register for and attend the sessions provided at the Athletic Directors workshop (the schedule for adults will be available later this summer). Both student and adults that register for the student leadership conference will take part in the closing session and a school-specific action planning session.

The registration form will be posted online in the spring - interested schools should complete the registration form and submit it with payment by the posted deadline; the cost for attending will be \$20 per student and \$50 per adult. Schools are permitted to send a maximum of four (4) students, all of whom must be in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the conference. A light breakfast selection and lunch will be provided. In the event that spots remain open (conference will hold 125 students max), notification will be made closer to the conference date to the registered schools about the availability to sign up additional students.

The IESA sincerely hopes school administrators will take advantage of the opportunity for students and adults to connect with peers, colleagues and each other through collaboration and promotion of student leadership. Please contact [leslie@iesa.org](mailto:leslie@iesa.org) with any questions.