

Recently the 45 students in the Leadership Academy worked on a project comparing the positive behaviors and habits* of leaders to the negative and hurtful behaviors of bullies. Listed below is the collaborative work of our awesome leaders. We hope you will find this article both informative and educational.

Leader behaviors and habits	Bully behaviors
<p>Habit #1 - Leaders are proactive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders do the right thing. • Leaders make good outcomes. • Leaders do not blame others for their mistakes. • Leaders stop and think about their actions. • Leaders control their feelings. • Leaders are responsible. • Leaders walk away from trouble. • Leaders share with others. • Leaders help others when they need help. 	<p>Bullies tend to be reactive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullies do bad things such as spread rumors. • Bullies cause problems. • Bullies blame others. • Bullies only think about themselves. • Bullies do not have self-control. • Bullies cannot be trusted. • Bullies cause trouble. • Bullies want more and more. • Bullies laugh at you and tease you when you need help.
<p>Habit #2 - Leaders begin with the end in mind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders make good decisions. • Leaders do important things. • Leaders plan to do good things in the world. • Leaders are responsible. • Leaders make steps to achieve goals. 	<p>Bullies tend to not set goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullies make bad choices. • Bullies don't do meaningful things. • Bullies do things that hurt the world. • Bullies are irresponsible. • Bullies don't believe in themselves.
<p>Habit #3 - Leaders put first things first.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders study for a test. • Leaders think before they act. • Leaders think about how their actions affect others. • Leaders care about learning in school. 	<p>Bullies tend to not make schedules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullies cheat on tests. • Bullies don't care about others. • Bullies don't care about other people's feelings. • Bullies care about hurting others at school.

<p>Habit #4 - Leaders think win-win.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders care when someone loses and helps them. • Leaders don't care if they lose because they care more about meaningful things. • Leaders want to be fair. • Leaders want good things to happen to others. 	<p>Bullies tend to only want themselves to win.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullies laugh at others kids when they lose. • Bullies want to win all the time and get mad if they lose. • Bullies want to be unfair. • Bullies want bad things to happen to others.
<p>Habit #5 - Leaders seek to understand before being understood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders listen. • Leaders tell the truth. • Leaders think about other people's opinions. 	<p>Bullies tend to not try to understand others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullies cut people off when they are talking. • Bullies lie. • Bullies only care about their own opinion.
<p>Habit #6 - Leaders synergize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders achieve goals together. • Leaders help others. • Leaders encourage others. • Leaders include others. • Leaders use friendly words to others. • Leaders follow the rules. • Leaders work together. • Leaders do not listen to bullies. 	<p>Bullies tend to like to be in charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullies want to be in charge. • Bullies are selfish. • Bullies tease others. • Bullies exclude others. • Bullies are rude to others. • Bullies break the rules. • Bullies are bossy. • Bullies listen to bullies.
<p>Habit #7 - Leaders sharpen the saw.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders pay attention to their emotions and how they react to things. • Leaders control their stress levels. • Leaders pay attention to other people and follow directions (example: the doctor's advice) • Leaders spend time with the people they love. • Leaders stand up for themselves and for victims. 	<p>Bullies tend to live unbalanced lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullies don't care about anything or anyone except for themselves. • Bullies like to give stress to others. • Bullies do what ever they want. • Bullies spend time hurting others. • Bullies do harm to others.

* Stephen Covey's 7 Habits