

Having a Voice Leadership Academy

The intent of Having a Voice is to ensure that all participating students gain and practice interpersonal communication skills in order to develop leadership abilities they can put to use at their school sites, in their communities and families. Once trained, these students become resources for peer mediation and student well-being on campus. Having a Voice students gain a depth of understanding of “at-risk” behaviors and indicators of alcohol and drug use, suicide, eating disorders, child abuse, gang involvement, grief, dating and domestic violence. Over the course of the program students will, participate in small group discussions, take on challenges to build teamwork skills, learn from powerful guest speakers, engage in positive academic and personal goal setting and feel connected and safe while learning and growing.

Originally, when it was founded twenty years ago, the program was aimed at English-language dominant Latino students, who were not seen to “have a voice,” as minorities in SDUHSD. More recently, the program, while still mostly serving the above students, has been opened to a broader range of non-Latino students who may be “at risk” for any reason, or simply interested in developing greater interpersonal or leadership skills.

Students can bring snacks and water to the summer session. A few snacks and water will be provided during our mid-morning break during the first couple of days. Students do not need to bring any school supplies. We will begin promptly at 8 AM at Sunset High School in Encinitas and end at 11:55 am.

Dates: June 23 through July 7 (no class July 4)

Location: Sunset High School.

Hours: 8am-11:55am