

Castaic Middle School Safe School Ambassadors®

Thank you for your interest in the Safe School Ambassadors program. Please complete the application and ask for a teacher recommendation. Keep in mind, your program advisor will be asking your former teachers about you, so please be honest when completing the application. If accepted, there is a mandatory 1 day training once school begins. Your advisory (home room) will be SSA, so you would not be able to be a part of any other clubs that meet during that time.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Current Grade: 6 7 Current School _____

Gender: M F Parents/Adults you live with: _____

Self-Assessment: Please rate yourself on a scale of 1 - 5; 5 being highest

Caring:	1	2	3	4	5
Sensitivity:	1	2	3	4	5
Trustworthiness:	1	2	3	4	5
Listening:	1	2	3	4	5
Loyalty:	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for self:	1	2	3	4	5
Honesty w/self:	1	2	3	4	5
Honesty w/others:	1	2	3	4	5
Self-discipline:	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for others:	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of Humor:	1	2	3	4	5

Leadership (my peers respect & listen to me):	1	2	3	4	5
Compatibility (I get along with others):	1	2	3	4	5
Follow-through (I do what I say):	1	2	3	4	5

Family Group meetings will usually take place once or twice a month. Are you willing to meet during lunch?

Ambassadors must complete "Action Logs" which detail how they have helped other students on campus each month. Are you willing to complete 4-5 of these each month? _____

Ambassadors will be responsible for classroom presentations about bullying, as well as some events such as "No One Eats Alone Day" and "Mix It Up Day". Are you willing to participate, coordinate, and be involved in these activities?

Name two **adults** at your school who know you well: _____

Name two **students** at your school who know you well: _____

GPA Last report card: _____

Why would you like to be a Safe School Ambassador?

In a paragraph, please tell us about a time when you stood up for someone?



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Safe School Ambassadors®

To the Parent(s)/Guardian of _____,

Your teen is considering becoming a member of Castaic Middle School's Safe School Ambassador program. This is a national program that our school has been a part of for several years now. Only a small number of students will be selected for this honor. This note will give you some information about the program and will serve as a permission slip for your teen to attend training.

What is the Safe School Ambassadors® Program and what is its function?

Schools across the country have recognized that students are very influential with their peers. They are instrumental in establishing the emotional climate and shaping the behavioral norms on a school campus. Students also know what is going on behind the scenes in school; they often know who needs help, who is angry, and who is being left out. Historically, adults haven't taken full advantage of students' power to help create a positive, caring culture in schools. The Safe School Ambassadors program works to harness the power of positive student influence to make our campus a more safe and nurturing place.

Will my teen's academics be affected by his/her participation in this effort?

We do not intend to place an added burden, either academically or emotionally, on our Ambassadors. Meetings will take place during lunch and an occasional advisory class, being an ambassador will not interfere with other electives or classes. Support meetings will take place once a month during lunch. Most of the activities that Ambassadors will engage in will be quiet and behind the scenes. They will be trained to notice, act, and support their fellow students during the course of their normal day. They might welcome a newcomer, interrupt teasing with a distracting comment, or simply model tolerance of differing people and opinions. They will try to link up people in need with existing sources of help, without taking on the responsibility of solving the problem themselves. For example, Ambassadors might let a guidance counselor know that a fellow student has lost a parent or grandparent, or reach out to another student who is sitting by himself all the time at lunch. We hope that their natural orientation toward being caring and involved will be enhanced by some additional training that will take place in (specify month). Together, we expect our Ambassadors to have a subtle, yet powerful effect on the climate of our school.

When and where will the initial training be conducted?

Training will take place early in the 2018-2019 school year. As is usual, your child will be responsible for collecting and completing regular schoolwork assigned during the training dates, but may have due dates extended at the discretion of individual teachers.

It is important to note that once trained, it is expected that your child continue in the program for the entire year, as no other trainings will take place to replace your child if he/she chooses not to continue. Thus the commitment, both on the part of child and parent, must be a lasting one.

We congratulate you on raising a caring and socially-skilled young adult. We hope you will allow your teen to participate in this program. If you have any questions, please call Beth Holen at 661-257-4550 x 2401 or email at bholen@castaicusd.com or call Jennetta Thomas at 661-257-4550 ext. 2412 or email at jthomas@castaicusd.com. If you agree to your teen's participation in this valuable program, please sign and date this form, and return it to Mrs. Holen in room I-1 or Ms. Thomas in room S-2 by May 18.

Thank you!

"We want to be involved in the Safe School Ambassadors® Program."

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Teacher recommendation (optional but VERY helpful)

Student Name: First _____ **Last:** _____

Teacher Name: _____

Currently teaching at? (circle one): LO CES NLH CMS

How long have you known this student? _____

How would you rate the student in terms of the following?: (1 being lowest, 5 being the highest) circle one only please:

Caring:	1	2	3	4	5
Sensitivity:	1	2	3	4	5
Trustworthiness:	1	2	3	4	5
Listening:	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for self:	1	2	3	4	5
Honesty w/self:	1	2	3	4	5
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Respect for others:	1	2	3	4	5
Following through:	1	2	3	4	5
Discretion:	1	2	3	4	5

If a situation were to occur in which one student was being bullied by another, how well do you think the applicant would handle the situation? 1 2 3 4 5

How well would this student do in terms of standing up for others? 1 2 3 4 5

Any other comments regarding the applicant?

Teacher Signature: _____ Date _____

-----Return to Beth Holen or Jennetta Thomas at Castaic Middle School: -----