



Corydon Central High School NCAA Student Ambassador Program Overview

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Stay in Bounds Ambassadors Cross-Age mentoring program brings powerful partners together to help young people grow into caring, responsible adults. Originally sponsored by the IHSAA and NCAA, it is a program designed for high school student-athletes to talk candidly with elementary children. It is an established program based on state educational guidelines; the Ambassadors program makes a positive difference for high school and elementary school students, their schools, and their communities

SPORTSMANSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

Focused on the RICHER principles of **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **C**aring, **H**armony, **E**xcellence, and **R**esponsibility, the Ambassadors Cross-Age Mentoring program uniquely offers students lessons in values, being a good citizen and life skills in a dynamic and interactive way. It's a great compliment to existing character education/anti-bullying programs.

HOW IT WORKS

High school students, who are role models, partner with 4th graders to talk about fundamental values. Ambassadors are high school student athletes chosen by their school for their excellence, leadership, and service on and off the field.

Once trained, the Ambassadors meet with younger students throughout the school year, building relationships and sharing important life lessons during a series of 20-30 minute interactive classroom sessions.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF AN AMBASSADOR

- ~Presentations to elementary students and peers
- ~Always presenting yourself in a positive manner
- ~Peer collaboration
- ~Follow all school handbook guidelines
- ~Always being prepared for training sessions
- ~Take seriously your role as a mentor
- ~Be a leader among peers
- ~Follow all athletic code of conduct guidelines

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Our NCAA Student Ambassadors are trained, experienced mentors who demonstrate and encourage 4th graders to adopt the RICHER principals. Periodically our role models graduate or transfer to another school, and a new role model is sought after. As openings occur, new ambassadors will be needed. Please listen for announcements for future openings.

New mentors are selected in the fall, before training in November. On occasion, there may be a need to replace a mentor mid-year. Announcements will be made for these openings as they come available.

HOW AMBASSADORS ARE CHOSEN

The CCHS program utilizes twelve student ambassadors who are divided up among varies 4th grade classrooms in the district. Students are invited to submit an application and identify two teacher and/or coaches who will complete an evaluation and recommendation form on their behalf. The NCAA Ambassador sponsor selects applicants after reviewing student applications and staff evaluation/recommendation forms.