**Purpose of Link Crew:** Link Crew, our school's orientation and transition program, is gearing up to welcome next year's new to Ballard students! Junior and Senior Leaders help freshmen adjust by building relationships and creating connections they can trust. This year, we're extending these connections more throughout the year with fun events and meetings. If you want to be part of this transformation, you can fill out this Word document version. Applications are due May 9th (at the latest). Hard Copy responses should be placed in Mr. Holmgren's Box OR this document can be emailed directly to Mr. Holmgren at tgholmgren@seattleschools.org.

- 1. Are you Available to attend ALL of the following mandatory dates required for Link Leaders? May 28th (during school day), August 28th (5 hours PM), September 2<sup>nd</sup> (5 hours PM), September 3<sup>rd</sup> (8AM-12PM). YES NO
- 2. Link Crew holds meetings, and Link Crew sessions with new to Ballard students. This will happen monthly. Are you committed to participating in each of the meetings? YES NO

If your answer is NO to either of these questions; there is no need to continue with this document. If you have Follow up questions, see Ms. Lehni, Mr. Holmgren, Mr. Fort, or Mr. Subido.

3. How many periods are you enrolled at Ballard High School for the 2024-25 School Year? 5+ 4 or less

If you answered 4 or Less: There is a high likelihood you cannot serve as a Link Leader for 2025-26 School Year based on the design for the program. Please explain how you see yourself serving in Link Crew if you are still interested:

- 4. Your First Name:
- 5. Your Last Name:
- 6. Your SCHOOL EMAIL address:
- 7. Your phone number (the phone you answer):
- 8. Your Graduation Year:
- 9. What Groups are you willing to work with?
  - a. I would like to work with new to Ballard students!
  - b. I would prefer to work with incoming freshmen.
  - c. I'm flexible; open to working with either!
- 10. Were you a Link Leader during the 2024-25 school year? YES NO

## If your answer is YES to question 9; please skip to Question #13.

- 11. We are looking for students who:
  - are KIND
  - have strong communication skills
  - are willing to lead others
  - are responsible enough to manage a group
  - are willing to take risks
  - are accountable to show up throughout all phases of the program during the year

- have an interest in helping others
- are positive role models
- are dedicated
- are self-confident and self-directed
- have respect for diverse ideas and personalities
- are enthusiastic

Which of these traits do you hold, or do you find to be most important (Choose at least 2 to highlight here)?

- 12. Explain ONE of your traits in more detail here. Why might this trait be important to your being chosen as a Link Leader?
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- 14. Link Leaders are chosen to help set the tone for our New to Ballard Students. Imagine yourself being part of this; why would you like to be involved as a Link Leader?

15. Junior and Senior years are historically very busy. How might you carve our time in your schedule to provide continued support for New to Ballard Students?

These Next questions are to help us to get to know a little more about you! If you are responding to these in a video, just embed or link the video below. Videos could also be shared or sent to Mr. Holmgren at tghomlgren@seattleschools.org

- 16. What activities are you involved in both inside and outside of school?
- 17. Where do you typically have lunch? Who do you spend lunch time with?
- 18. What is a challenge you have faced in high school and what did you learn from it?