



San Clemente High School Link Crew

Returning Leader Application (2026-2027 School Year)

Dear Link Crew Leader Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in reapplying to be a Link Crew leader for the 2026-2027 school year. Returning to Link Crew is not automatic. Each year we carefully select leaders who consistently demonstrate reliability, initiative, and a strong commitment to supporting freshmen. Link Crew is a freshman transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Being part of Link Crew gives you the opportunity to impact school culture at San Clemente High School and make a meaningful difference in the lives of fellow students. You will also receive leadership and mentorship training that will still be applicable long after you leave our school.

Before you apply, please note the mandatory dates listed on the bottom of this page. **These dates are absolutely mandatory for all leaders and you will not be able to be a Link Crew leader if you cannot make all of them.** Please do not apply if you already know that you have a conflict with any of these dates. Additionally, please remember that only current sophomores and juniors may apply to be leaders.

Please read and complete this packet carefully. Failure to completely fill out the application and comply with all requirements will result in your disqualification. This application is to be completed in full and turned in to Ms. Dimperio (Room 406) by Friday, February 27th before 3:30 pm. Failure to do so, for any reason, will result in your inability to be considered for a leader position. In addition, submitting your application as early as possible will be beneficial, as your submission date will be a factor considered during the application review process. Please keep in mind that we receive a large number of applications, and not everyone will be selected for Link Crew. It is a competitive program, and while many applicants are highly qualified, we have limited spots available. We carefully consider a variety of factors when making our final decisions. If you have any questions, please speak to Ms. Dimperio, either in person or via Canvas. Be sure you know the deadlines and meet them. Thank you for your interest in making a lasting impact on future Tritons!

Sincerely,

Ms. Dimperio
Link Crew Coordinator

Link Crew Leader Application Timeline

Date	Event
February 12	Applications available for pick up/download
February 27	Applications due to room 406 (3:30 pm)
March 10-March 11	Applicant interviews will be held after school. You will be notified of your interview time via personal email.
April 3	Applicants will be notified via personal email whether or not they have been accepted as leaders.

Mandatory Dates for Leaders

Date	Event
May 4 (3:30 pm - 6:00 pm)	Development Day
August 10 &11 (8:00 am - 1:00 pm)	Leader Training Days
August 13 (7:00 am - 1:00 pm)	Freshman Orientation

Application Checklist (Please have stapled in this order):

- Application Page
- Question Responses
- Signed Link Crew Code of Conduct
- Print out of Report Card from 2025-2026 Fall Semester – Report Card can be found in Aeries Portal. **This should be your Report Card NOT your transcript.**
- Print out Attendance Record for the 2025-2026 school year. This can be found in your Aeries Portal, under “Attendance”, then click “Quick Print”

Before applying, ask yourself: Are you someone younger students can trust? Are you someone teachers rely on? Are you prepared to be a role model on campus?

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Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____ **Cell Phone Number:** _____

Current Weighted GPA: _____ **Grade Level You Will Be Next Year:** Senior Junior

Languages Spoken Fluently: _____

Please check all extracurricular activities that you are involved in at SCHS or outside of SCHS and include any titles or leadership roles. Please include current and potential future activities or roles.

- ASB
- Drama
- Auto Academy
- Sports: _____
- Music Programs: _____
- Club and Positions Held: _____
- Leadership Positions: _____
- Volunteer Commitments: _____
- After School Job: _____
- Honors/Awards/Recognitions (Please list): _____

Please tape a current photo of yourself here.

Respond to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Describe how you maintained contact with your freshmen after Orientation. Include the methods you used, how often you connected, and one specific example of a meaningful interaction.
2. Looking back on this year, in what ways did you fully meet the expectations of a Link Crew leader? In what areas could you have shown stronger commitment? Please provide specific examples.
3. Tell us about a freshman who may have needed extra support this year. How did you show up for them?
4. If selected again, how would you elevate your leadership next year? Be specific.
5. Is there anything about your leadership this year that I may not have seen but that you would like us to know?

SCHS Link Crew Code of Conduct**As a member of San Clemente High School's Link Crew, I promise to:**

Please initial each line; your initial indicates you have read and understand the expectations for a SCHS Link Crew Leader.

1. Show dedication and responsibility

I will attend all Link Crew and team meetings/events during the summer

Link Crew leaders are REQUIRED to attend one training day at the end of the school year (May 4), two training days in the summer (August 10 & 11), and the Freshman Orientation (August 13). These are our most important events of the year and all four of these dates are MANDATORY. There are NO exceptions. If you are unavailable on any of these dates, you cannot be selected as a Link Crew leader. By signing, you are agreeing to be present at all four mandatory dates.

I will attend all Link Crew meetings/freshman centered events during the school year and if I cannot attend, I will notify the Link Crew Coordinators as soon as possible.

Link Crew is a year-long program. There will be monthly meetings and monthly freshman centered events. You will be required to help organize and/or attend all monthly freshman centered events.

I will keep in contact with my Freshman Crew every month throughout the year.

As a Link Crew Leader, you are required to contact all your freshmen every month. This includes inviting them to all freshman centered events, periodically checking in with them, and setting up meetings with them on campus and/or outside of school. Leaders will be required to keep a contact log with all their freshmen.

I will try my best to attend all San Clemente High School sponsored events.

As a Link Crew Leader, it is important to show support for our school events, including dances, sporting events, and other school sponsored events. It is expected that all leaders try to attend as many events as they can and promote the events in a positive manner.

I will fulfill all responsibilities in all Link Crew related activities.

I will read and respond to all emails and Remind texts related to Link Crew.

2. Show respect

I will deal with people and situations in a way that reflects positively on San Clemente High School.

I will set a good example with my behavior—**in and out of school, including all social media outlets.**

I will actively curtail bullying, especially against freshmen.

3. Show enthusiasm

I will display a positive and spirited attitude toward our school.

I will help freshmen see what a great place San Clemente High School is.

San Clemente High School's Link Crew Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy

Each selected member of San Clemente High School's Link Crew understands that the following policy exists. Any inappropriate behavior—including but not exclusively limited to possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or tobacco; or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco—that comes to the Link Crew Coordinators' attention will result in an immediate review of said behavior and could lead to a leader's removal from Link Crew. SCHS's Link Crew has a two-strike system. At the first offense, the student is suspended from Link Crew for 20 weeks. At the end of this suspension, the student may re-apply to Link Crew. If the student has another offense, they will be removed from Link Crew permanently. These strikes accrue for the student's entire time in Link Crew. This policy adheres to San Clemente High School's *Student Code of Conduct* as well as Link Crew's philosophy that Link Crew Leaders "be a presence on campus as models of positive behavior".

As a San Clemente High School Link Crew Leader, I understand these policies and the consequences if I choose to violate them. I am aware that failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in my dismissal as a Link Crew Leader.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

