



# COLLABORATORS

## Junior High Students



## CONNECTION IS PREVENTION BRINGING STUDENTS TOGETHER...FOR REAL

The objective: Build positive connections within school communities. These connections will inspire leadership behavior, positive peer pressure, and the ability for teens to know one another well enough to have influential conversations with each other.

### How it works

**LEAD. CONNECT. REFLECT.**

### Step One: Student Leadership Team

We meet with 12 Freshmen and Sophomore leaders for 6 hours of bonding and planning. They experience Canvas Creek Collaborative Art, discuss what their school needs, and what freshmen will be experiencing at their school. Together we plan the Collaborator event. 10 of the students will be counselors, two will be assistants to the process

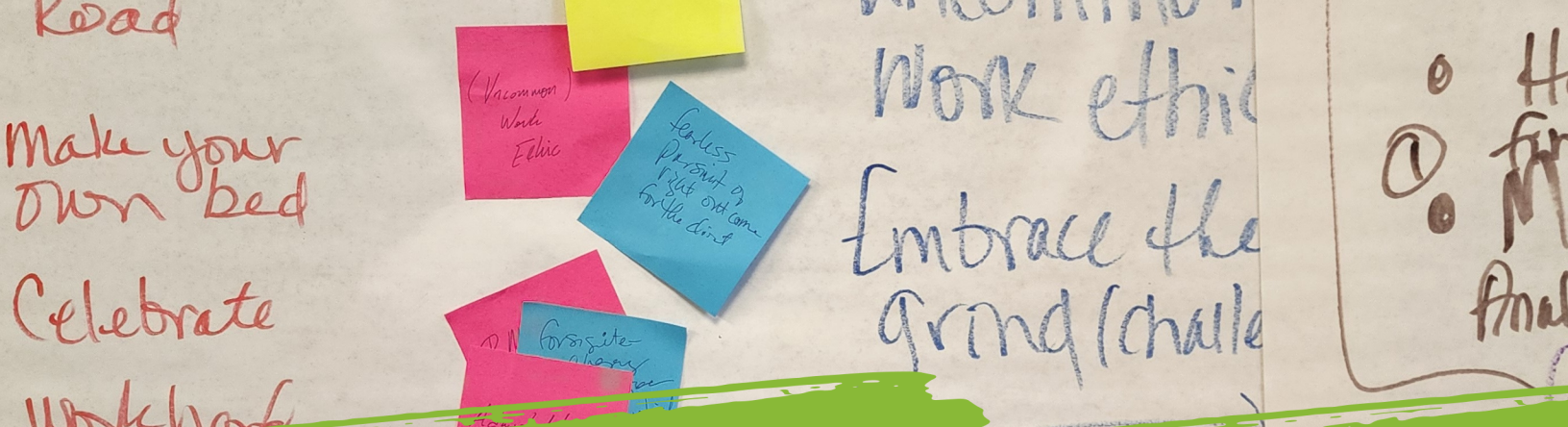
### Step Two: The Process

80 Jr. High Students participate in a day of Collaborative Art, relay challenges, team building and empathy exercises. We end with a powerful team and individual goal-setting session based on the activities in What's Next. If a particular outcome is desired (suicide prevention, graduation rate increase), subject matter experts speak to the group. Broken into teams of eight, they will develop a team name and cheer and use this identity to design an ongoing impact activity they will take into their school hallways and classrooms.

### Step Three: Reflect (optional)

3 months later we host another Collaborative event, with the 92 students, discussing what has worked, what hasn't and what they want to try next.





# LOGISTICS & Details

## HOW THIS MAGIC HAPPENS

Change happens. It is either the change you want, or the change you were hoping would not happen. This event can be tailored to any size school, adjusting the number of students involved and customized to focus on desired outcomes.



### Staff

Canvas Creek Provides all staff, often pairing with Rotarian volunteers, to makes this event fun and safe.



### Materials

Canvas Creek provides all materials. The school provides space.



### Take-aways

**Physical take-aways:** Each participant receives a tee shirt, notebook, stickers, water bottle, pen, and access to a Collaborators App.

**Emotional take-aways:** All 92 students involved become ambassadors for their school, leading the positive connections and change needed.



### Funding

Prevention Grants (event is tailored to the needs of the school and grant).



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