

Helpful Hints for Green Flag School Coordinators



Overview

As a Green Flag School Coordinator, you serve a vital role in the Green Flag Program.

You help by:

1. Motivating teachers, parents, and students to get involved in the Green Flag Program.
2. Developing student, teacher, and parent leaders who will help you implement the program.
3. Referring your school community to your program mentor and to Green Flag resources.
4. Working with the Green Flag Program Coordinator to provide leadership in the school, give feedback on the program and help to improve it.

Tips

- When talking to an individual or group, spend at least one third of the time connecting with them on a personal level to build your relationship.
- Try to balance the conversation so that they talk 50% of the time.
- When the group needs advice, not information, ask them questions that help them figure out the answer; don't just tell them right away. This helps their problem solving skills.
- When talking to the group about the Green Flag Program, make sure to talk about the context of why the program is important, and how they are making a difference. This will help the group stay focused on the goals of the program and not simply on the award.
- Keep the students active in thinking through the Green Flag process, even when it would be easier for adults just to take charge of certain activities themselves.
- Delegate! Even if getting other people to do the work takes more time at the beginning, it will help more people become invested and help the program grow.
- For questions relating to your program area or to get local resources, contact your mentor.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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