5 Simple Steps to Transform Your Students

And Your School Year

Being an educator is one of the most rewarding careers one could have. It's gratifying to know that you have an impact on the lives of your students, and it's rewarding when you see them grow into their full potential.

There are also parts of the job that can sometimes feel daunting.

With all the challenges educators face in creating healthy classroom climates and developing leadership skills in their students, they need meaningful curricula that will empower them to be better teachers, but also inspire their students to grow.

That's where Lead4Change comes in.

Lead4Change makes it easy for educators **and** students to achieve their goals and reach their potential as leaders.

Our free leadership program helps educators and students find their power as leaders. Free to join and easy to use, this comprehensive leadership program guides teachers through a transformative curriculum that allows them to open their students' eyes to the world around them and realize their innate ability to create powerful change.

We know implementing a new curriculum can feel daunting. But with Lead4Change, it's simple.

It just takes 5 simple steps – this guide will show you how.

Step 1

Enroll in the Lead4Change Program for Free

A lack of powerful programming shouldn't inhibit a teacher's ability to improve their classroom dynamic and transform their students' lives. But the truth is, most programs are expensive and complex to facilitate, preventing educators from gaining the tools necessary to enact meaningful change. That's exactly why the Lead4Change Program is *free*.

Enrollment in the program is not only free – it's simple, too. All you have to do is visit lead4change.org and click "Enroll for Free." From there, you'll create your profile and submit your information then immediately be able to dive into the lessons.

Upon enrolling and accessing your dashboard, educators will receive immediate access to all L4C resources, including step-by-step lesson plans, instructional videos, student worksheets and more. You'll also be assigned an Instructional Coach, a dedicated L4C advocate who will be with you to offer support, guidance or encouragement at every single step.

Step 2

Have your class complete the student leadership survey

Educators know a thing or two about giving grades to their students — they do so every day — but instead of doling out a letter or a number to evaluate a student's progress in this program, Lead4Change encourages students to assess their "grade" differently, offering an objective lens for evaluating their own progress.

By giving your class this quick and easy leadership survey at the beginning of the Lead4Change program, and then offering it once again at the end, your students will be able to individually track the growth they've made over the course of the semester or year.

When they do, they'll realize that they *do have* what it takes to be a great leader. Best of all, they'll be able to assess and realize their development without attaching external value that grades often impart. They'll learn to appreciate their growth as they develop self awareness and deep commitment to their community.

Having students complete the leadership survey at the beginning and the end of their program will give them a clear look at just how far they've come.

Step 3

Access and Teach the Leadership Lessons

The Lead4Change program begins by focusing inward on the individual student, and eventually expands that focus outward toward the community. Students start by learning about themselves and understanding how their past has helped shape who they are today. This approach not only creates a sense of self-awareness, but also instills empathy in each student as they learn more about their classmates and understand how to work together with one another.

Lesson by lesson, your students will acknowledge their individual strengths, recognize those of their teammates, realize a problem in their community that needs their attention (their "Big Goal"), and finally work together to create a solution that will better their community and bolster their self-worth.

The lessons are highly flexible and easy to facilitate. We know that implementing new programs into your classroom can be overwhelming. And it's why we've done our best to simplify the facilitation process so that it's not a draining experience for you – rather, one that feels fulfilling for you and your students.

When you access your Lead4Change Dashboard, you'll find everything you need to not only facilitate each lesson, but to encourage your students to stay engaged throughout the entire program.

The truth is, your students already have all the skills they need to succeed in this program — but by steadily offering encouragement and support, and by showing them how to utilize some of those not-yet-tapped skills, you will ensure they make it across the finish line with their heads held high.

Step 4
Submit Your Lead4Change Project

You've succeeded in delivering this transformational curriculum to your students, and they've succeeded in working their way through the program to complete their Big Goal and create a real impact in their school or community. Completing the Lead4Change Project is a huge milestone- congratulations!

Once your students submit their Lead4Change Project in the Lead4Change dashboard, they will have officially completed the Lead4Change curriculum and receive their certificate of completion and honor cords. At this point, your students will know what it takes to get big things done, and will have developed into the confident, caring leaders you know they can be.

Optional Small Grants Program

After your student team submits their project, they have the opportunity to continue their development by participating in the Lead4Change Small Grants Program. Optional Curriculum Modules 8 and 9 walk student teams through how to create a proposal for their project idea then pitch their idea to our panel of judges to win up to $10,000 in funding for their school or designated 501c3 nonprofit partner.

This additional investment from Lead4Change will help students continue their great work and drive even more impact for their school or nonprofit. Pitching their project idea to our panel of judges shows students the power they have to directly impact their own communities, and further demonstrates their own and their peers' ability to positively change the world!

Step 5

Applaud Yourself and Your Students for How Far They've Come

Regardless of whether your students win grant money or not, your students will have spent the semester working hard to achieve their Big Goal, to complete their Lead4Change Project, and to develop themselves into the leaders they were meant to be. Because of your support and encouragement, they'll now have the tools they need to take the next steps in their education, their careers and their futures.

At Lead4Change, we believe that educators have the most important job in our country – and we want you to have even more joy, satisfaction and reward in it. The Lead4Change Program will transform your students into the leaders they know they're capable of being, and because of that, your classroom will transform, too.

Your students will realize they have a voice and can make a difference.

Your students will learn to have agency over their lives and develop deep compassion for others.

Your students will learn to love working together, and you'll all experience a more rewarding and impactful school year.

Hats off to you for getting them there, and hats off to them for taking the challenge head on!

Get Started Today

We know how it may feel to consider committing to yet another program: daunting, overwhelming, even exhausting. But Lead4Change makes it fun and easy.

With our step-by-step curriculum that's simple to facilitate, and your Instructional Coach there to support you from start to finish, there's no better time than now to dive into Lead4Change. You deserve a school year that's motivating, invigorating, and rewarding. And your students do, too.

Access your Lead4Change dashboard today.