



Developing Your Voice as a Leader on Campus



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Are you wondering how to grow your own voice, influence, and leadership on campus? Learn a few key ways to increase your own professional leadership skills and help shape your campus culture.



Know your WHY. Show your Why. Share your WHY.

Why are you an educator? How do your students, colleagues, and supervisors see that in action? Do they know what they are seeing?

Listen to [Simon Sinek explain finding one's WHY](#). (Story: why and how I changed homecoming traditions.)



Join strategically. You don't have time to say yes to everything to seem helpful. Make sure you join projects and teams that are doing work that is meaningful and relevant to your WHY. You'll be more invested and satisfied, and your heart will be in your work—highlighting your passion, commitment, and character. (story: Link Crew, department chair)



The power of “How can I help?” Stand out in teams by offering help in frequent, small, tangible ways. Take on tasks you can do well, and quickly, to highlight your strengths and build a reputation for being reliable, capable, and an active contributor to the overall success. (story: communications, note taking, relationship building.)



Communicate Up. Regularly schedule casual update meetings with your supervisor. Make sure they know what you're doing for the campus culture, why and how you're doing it, and how you can work as a team to represent the school well. Build relationships, rapport, and trust with your boss. (Story: drop-ins with my principal)