

## **Dolphin Ambassadors**

### **DHHS Peer Leadership for New Students**

*Inspired by: Kristin Stone advocating for her son, Logan Palmer*

*Developed by: Stephanie Lenthall & Melina Pellini*

*Current PTSA Advisors: Amy Curtis, Rachel Sutherland, and Mercedes Wagner*

#### **Mission**

To expand student's educational experience by encouraging involvement in positive and healthy co-curricular activities, which will build strong relationships between students, provide leadership opportunities, increase self-confidence, and empower students to create valuable change.

To provide a mentoring program to support new DHHS students and their families.

To provide social opportunities, lunchtime companionship and engagement during new students' first year at DHHS.

To provide information meetings to new families about the ongoing programs and opportunities at DHHS.

To promote DHHS activities and enrich students' lives.

To increase leadership skills by providing quality services and additional support to the DHHS community.

#### **Important Dates**

Registration and New Student Orientation

Monthly in-person meetings (Zoom meetings when necessary)

Monthly social events/activities

\*Questions please email [dolphinambassador@gmail.com](mailto:dolphinambassador@gmail.com)

## Dolphin Ambassador Application

The Dana Hills High School PTSA Dolphin Ambassador Program is searching for qualified, enthusiastic, committed student leaders who will volunteer to serve as role models and mentors to new incoming students to DHHS. As a Dolphin Ambassador, you will serve on student outreach, new student orientation and social support teams by interacting with new students and their families to ensure the proper transition of these students into DHHS.

***We are specifically looking for empathetic, caring individuals who feel comfortable engaging with fellow students in social settings and can mentor as these students become adjusted to the DHHS community.***

If you are interested in becoming a Dolphin Ambassador, please fill out this application and return to the PTSA mailbox located in the DHHS office or email to [dolphinambassador@gmail.com](mailto:dolphinambassador@gmail.com)

Qualified applicants will be contacted. All Dolphin Ambassadors are required to be members of the Dana Hills High School PTSA.

Name:

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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of PTSA? \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School you attended prior to DHHS: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently on academic or disciplinary probation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you speak another language besides English? \_\_\_\_\_

Member of any clubs or sports on campus (please list):

Why are you interested in the Student Ambassador Program? What do you think are the most important characteristics of an Ambassador?

How can Student Ambassadors improve the daily life for new students at DHHS?

What are your past experience(s) as a leader, mentor, or team member and how will it strengthen your role as an Ambassador? Do you have any unique interests or hobbies?

How can Student Ambassadors build a sense of community on campus?

I grant permission to be contacted by the PTSA for the PTSA Committee to review my academic and disciplinary records in order to verify accuracy of the information on my application.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Dolphin Ambassador Declaration of Commitment**

**School Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I attest that I:**

- Am a member of DHHS PTSA. Please join at [DanaHillsPTSA.org](http://DanaHillsPTSA.org).
- Will volunteer at New Student Orientation and Registration in August
- Will meet responsibilities of the Dolphin Ambassador Program and volunteer for campus and community events.
- Will check for communication from DA daily (ie texts, emails, HelperHelper app, Remind app, GroupMe app or any other communication methods used by Dolphin Ambassadors).
- Commit to at least one academic year
- Will participate in DA lunchtime activities and social events.
- Will represent Dolphin Ambassadors in a responsible and professional manner at all times. If determined by the school to have not acted in such a manner you will be asked to leave the DA program.
- Will promote DA events and help incoming students become more engaged in DHHS.
- Recognize that being selected as a Dolphin Ambassador is a privilege and honor. If I am selected to be a part of Dolphin Ambassadors for this upcoming school year, I commit to volunteering a minimum of 10 school volunteer hours per semester. Additionally, I will have no more than 2 "unexcused" absences per semester. (Unexcused absences are defined as absences that were not cleared or otherwise excused by a DA advisor prior to the event or meeting.) Students volunteering 2 years or more ( 40+ hours of service) will be awarded a medal of recognition at the Senior Awards ceremony for their service. If I fail to fulfill my DA obligations and commitments, I may be asked to leave the Dolphin Ambassadors organization.
- Grant permission to be contacted by the PTSA for interviews and for my name and photo(s) to be used in media articles for PTSA related events. I grant permission for the PTSA Committee to review my academic and disciplinary records to verify accuracy of the information on my application.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_