

Be part of **CRILA 11!**

Want more?

How to **apply:**

Applications are due to the CRILA Program Manager by the end of March of each year.

Students are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, commitment to the community, evidence of service, and leadership potential. A complete application includes:

- ✓ Student Information Form
- ✓ A resume that evidences service, scholarship, and leadership
- ✓ An official high school transcript
- ✓ An essay on leadership

Where to get an application:

If you believe you are a good candidate for the Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy, you can obtain an application by:

- ✓ Visiting the Guidance Department at your school and requesting a copy of the application;
- ✓ Contacting Julia Winer, CRILA Program Manager at jwiner@crec.org or (860) 509-3666; or
- ✓ Downloading the application from *application* page of the CRILA website: www.creccrila.com/application.html

*Application available online and in schools **January 2014***

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CRILA

Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy
"Practicing ethical and collaborative leadership to better serve our communities"



CHALLENGE YOURSELF

"Looking back, I realize that applying to be in the CRILA class is the single most significant choice I have made in my short life thus far."

CRILA Student



The Opportunity of a Lifetime

CREC's Leadership Academy offers young leaders in local high schools an unparalleled opportunity to develop and practice leadership in an authentic and meaningful way.



About CRILA

The Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy (CRILA) is a program created and operated by the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) through an interdistrict grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education. CRILA's stated mission "is to provide a diverse forum whereby students will practice ethical and collaborative leadership through research and community services."

CRILA enrolls approximately thirty students from the thirty-five Greater Hartford school districts in a year long program that begins in the students' sophomore or junior year and extends through the following school year.

Outward Bound Experience

Members of the Leadership Academy begin the program at the end of their sophomore or junior year by traveling to the Colorado Outward Bound Wilderness School in Leadville, Colorado. While at Outward Bound, students develop collaborative leadership skills by hiking, rock climbing, participating in ropes courses, and problem solving team and individual challenges. The Outward Bound experience serves to build a lifelong bond between members of the academy.



"My experience through CRILA has opened my life to new opportunities."

CRILA Student

Academic Course in Leadership

During the academic school year, students in the Leadership Academy attend monthly class sessions in the evenings or on the weekends where they conduct a rigorous academic study of leadership. The academic study is enriched through guest speakers from a variety of fields ranging from business to education to the military. These speakers have proven themselves to be leaders in their organizations and in their communities.

The Community Service Project

The Leadership Academy's culminating experience is a student-created community service project designed to have a positive impact on the Greater Hartford region. Students are required to complete extensive reading in the area of leadership, write a culminating reflective paper, and support the successful execution of the community service project.

Eligibility Information

Students completing their sophomore and junior years are invited to apply. Student must be from one of the 36 participating towns in the Hartford region.

There is no cost to students or their schools for participation in the CRILA program.

Students receive Honors elective credit for the course.



What people are saying:

"CRILA has taught me lessons about life and leadership that I will always carry with me, and I am thankful for that. I have felt the joy of giving in service to others, the anguish that sets in after recognizing a false peak and the rush of joy upon reaching a true one, the fundamental worth of a little fresh air, and the extravagance of simplicity. I intend to continue to enjoy these true facts of life for the rest of my own."

CRILA Student

"Wow - what an amazing, once in a lifetime experience for our son! Thank you so much for everything you are doing with and for these kids."

CRILA Parent

"Thank you so much for directing the CRILA program. I am so thrilled with the programs that CREC offers and am so pleased that my son participates."

CRILA Parent



Prepare yourself for academic and professional success