

**Our What, Our Why & More**

**What is The Locker Room Experience?**

The Locker Room Experience is a student-driven leadership initiative. It empowers students to take on leadership roles within their schools and equips them to carry that leadership into their communities after graduation. Through meaningful relationships between "coaches" and youth, the program provides student leaders with the tools and resources to identify and address challenges in their schools, fostering a culture of positive change and influence.

**Why Does The Locker Room Experience Exist?**

It exists to provide a supportive environment similar to a sports team's locker room, where trust and camaraderie are developed, helping young individuals to recognize their potential and steer clear of crime and violence.

**What is the Goal of The Locker Room Experience?**

To create a platform where students can grow as leaders and create a positive influence within their schools. By fostering relationships and equipping students with the tools, resources, and confidence to address challenges, the program seeks to inspire them to lead with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to shaping a thriving community.

**The LRE Team**

**LRE Roles and Responsibilities**



**Love Akron:**

Oversees and coordinates the various aspects of the Locker Room Experience, ensuring alignment with mission goals.

**Akron Public Schools - High Schools:**

Collaborate with the LRE program to integrate it into the school environment.

**LRE Youth:** Participate in the program to develop personal growth and avoid negative influences.

**LRE Coaches:** Mentors who guide the youth, fostering relationships based on trust and support.

**THE LOCKER ROOM EXPERIENCE**

**How Garfield is Showing Up & Leading**

**MENTOR/MENTEE LUNCHEONS**

Building Student Connection Through Leadership

- ✓ LRE students mentoring peers
- ✓ Hosted twice per month
- ✓ Focus on connection, guidance, and support
- ✓ Leadership team recruiting mentees
- ✓ Flyers, announcements & word-of-mouth outreach

**STUDENT IMPACT**

- ✓ Increased peer-to-peer connection
- ✓ Strengthening student leadership
- ✓ Creating a sense of belonging
- ✓ Encouraging positive student relationships

**GROWTH & PROGRESS**

- ✓ Expanding mentorship opportunities
- ✓ Increasing student engagement
- ✓ Building leadership pipeline
- ✓ Strengthening school culture

**LRE in ACTION**

- ✓ Launching Mentor/Mentee Luncheons
- ✓ Student-led planning and outreach
- ✓ Ongoing leadership development

**Attendance Initiative Success**

- ✓ "DoNut Be Late" 2-week campaign
- ✓ Daily raffle tickets for on-time attendance
- ✓ Daily prize drawings
- ✓ Strong participation from students & staff

Building a culture where students show up, grow, and lead.

**Garfield's LRE Club**

**Garfield's LRE Club Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to increase the attendance rate by addressing the number of out of school suspensions for the entire student body by ensuring that the students that are present are rewarded.

**Garfield's LRE Club Vision Statement:**

Our vision is to cultivate a school culture where consistent attendance is the norm. Empowering every student to maximize their learning potential by being present every day.



**Garfield's LRE Club Members:**

- Makayla Bittner (President)
- Preston Kongmanichanh (Vice President)
- Lavynder Richardson (Secretary)
- Michael Lucas
- River Simonson
- Brynnanne Stalker
- Freda Adkins
- Destiny Braham
- Hazel Brick
- Kasey Romero
- Mohamed Samara
- Jaymie Taylor
- Giyanna Boware
- Ila Adkins
- Arleyanne Lowe
- Jasmine Pierce

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**Garfield's LRE Club Contacts:**

Coach Adam Flossie and Coach Eric Sharkey

**Upcoming Goals & Initiatives**

Garfield CLC is launching **Mentor/Mentee Luncheons** as a key initiative for the upcoming quarter. These gatherings will take place **twice a month** and are designed to strengthen peer connections through intentional mentorship.

LRE student leaders will serve as mentors, guiding and supporting fellow students in building confidence, improving engagement, and fostering a sense of belonging.

The leadership team is actively preparing for launch by:

- Recruiting student mentees
- Designing and distributing promotional flyers
- Making school-wide announcements
- Building momentum through peer-to-peer outreach

This initiative reflects Garfield's commitment to student leadership, relationship-building, and positive school culture.



**LRE Symposium Dates  
hosted at the University of Akron**

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