

Youth Education through Service (YES!) Program

Are you a student in District 214 who is interested in hard work, service for others, and career development in any of the following fields?

- Architecture & Construction
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Human Services
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

If so, then consider enrolling in the newly offered career-exploration experience, the **YES! Program**. The **YES! Program**, an initiative being offered through High School District 214 in collaboration with the nationally recognized Disaster Relief Organization, Team Rubicon, aims to drive the youth of our nation to say YES! in life by establishing:

- a commitment to community service, especially in assisting with disaster response and human crisis, through positive mentorship, training, education and career development.
- an appreciation for the service of others.

THE YES! PROGRAM PARTICIPATION GOALS

- Improve student participants' self-confidence.
- Offer hard work and leadership experience.
- Offer engaging, hands-on career and community service experiences.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE YES! STUDENT PARTICIPANT

- YES! I can independently conceive, believe and achieve.
- YES! I can appreciate and learn from the service of others.

YES! PROGRAM STUDENT INCENTIVES

- Career-development experience.
- 15 service hours to be used toward the Harper Promise.
- 15 service hours to be used toward career endorsement for the State of Illinois.

THE YES! PROGRAM PARTICIPATION PATHWAY

- Email counselor to access and complete the Student Participant Interest Form.
- Meet the program's basic entrance requirements.
- Participate in 5 Saturday sessions:
 - **Program Orientation:** 1-28-23, Elk Grove High School Room 120, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 - **Service Cultures:** 2-25-23, Elk Grove High School Room 120, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 - **Service Volunteers & Careers:** 3-18-23, Elk Grove High School Room 120, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 - **Service Wellness & Fitness:** 4-22-23, Elk Grove High School Room 120, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 - **Send-off & Celebration:** 5-20-23, Team Rubicon North Branch Headquarters (459 N. Wolcott Ave, Chicago, IL 60622) 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

BASIC ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YES! STUDENT PARTICIPANT

- Be enrolled in a District 214 High School.
- Be between 15 and 18 years of age.
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average.
- Maintain a legal attendance rate.
- Have the ability to read, write and comprehend direction and training material in English or have interpretation capabilities.

HOW TO APPLY

If you're interested in applying to be a part of the **YES! Program**, contact your counselor immediately. They will then send you a link to our Google Form Application. **Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, December 9th, at 11:59 pm.** Once all applications are filed, they will be reviewed and you will be notified via email no later than Friday, December 16th, of your acceptance into the program."