



Youth Leadership Initiative Make-up Opportunities and Process

A student can miss no more than two class days to be eligible to graduate. All absences must be made up by completing a make-up session. The following activities are approved make-up opportunities, selected because they offer students the opportunity to learn more about leadership and/or our community.

Make-Up Opportunity	Description
Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute Educational Events	www.gdmli.com/events Students need to contact Kelly Royal to register for the event ahead of time. Please include photo of you at the event. (Counts as 1 make-up)
Greater Des Moines Partnership Programs	www.desmoinesmetro.com Event must be in-person and include an educational component. Please include photo of you at the event. (Counts as 1 make-up)
New Leadership Role	Model the way by taking on a new leadership role in your school or community that allows you to challenge yourself and bring change to your environment. (Counts as 1 make-up)
Start and Lead a Group	Share your vision with others and start a group in your school or community addressing an issue or subject area that you are passionate about being involved in! For example, Please Pass the Love, Best Buddies etc. (Counts as 2 make-ups)
Write To Your Representative	Share your voice and/or challenge the process by writing your representative regarding an issue you care about. You may provide a copy of the letter in your make-up write-up. (Counts as ½ a make-up for each representative contacted)
Speak To Your Representative	Attend a “Day on the Hill” at the State Capitol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Multiple organizations and groups come together to speak to their representatives early in the year at the State Capitol and advocate for issues they care about ● Opportunities will be announced in class as they become available ● Please include photo of you at the event (Counts as 1 make-up for every 2 hours spent on the Hill)
“Hot Topic” Dialogue	Host a dialogue with other Youth Leadership Initiative class members on an issue or topic discussed in class that you would like to further explore. Please invite a mentor(s) to attend, who will assist if necessary. (Counts as 1 make-up)
Support DMARC* (we have additional details on each activity)	Host a pop-up food drive at a grocery store Volunteer with the DMARC mobile food pantry Host a fund or food drive for DMARC (Counts as 1 make-up for every 2 hours spent)
Attend a City Council Meeting	Counts as 1 make-up. Please include photo of you at the event.
Attend a Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission Event	Counts as 1 make-up. Please include photo of you at the event.

Organize a Volunteer Event	Enable others to act by organizing a volunteering opportunity in the community for at least 2 hours. Please include photo of you at the event. (Counts as 1 make-up)
Find a Mentor - conduct an informal interview	It is important to build and foster lifelong relationships with those who interest us or have a career of interest. (Counts as 1 make-up)
Public Library Presentations	dmpl.org or your local library Use your discretion on whether the topic is applicable to leadership and/or our community. Please include photo of you with the presenter. (Counts as 1 make-up)
Polk County Housing Trust Fund Bus Tour	Usually third Friday in October and April. (Counts as 1 make-up for every 2 hours spent)

Additional ideas or by Request: While you may request make-ups outside of those listed above, these make-ups must be pre-approved to ensure the opportunity provides you a new and meaningful experience. That being said- we welcome your suggestions! Contact make-up co-coordinators Claudia Kyalangalilwa and Marina Verlegnia via email to request approval at least 2 weeks prior to your make-up. (See your directory for their contact information)

Make-up Process

- As soon as you are aware that you will be missing class, arriving late or leaving early, please contact Claudia and Marina.
 - In your email, include the date you will be missing class and time that will be missed if you will not be absent for the entire class.
 - If known, include your selected make-up opportunity in the email informing of your absence.
- Next, select a make-up opportunity in which to participate. You are welcome to complete a make-up before you miss a class.
 - For every Friday experience missed, you will need to complete 2 make-ups.
 - If only missing half of the class, you will only need to complete 1 make-up.
 - For every Monday experience missed, you will need to complete 1 make-up.
 - Make-ups must be completed within 3 weeks of missing class.
- Within one-week after the completed make-up event, complete the Youth Leadership Initiative Make-Up google form and submit. (See www.gdmli.com/yli for the link to submit.)
 - This online form will ask for information regarding the class you missed, date of make-up as well as require you to submit a paragraph describing how your make-up relates to leadership and the larger community.
- While the make-up co-coordinators will record your make ups, it is *your responsibility* to track your make-up activities and submit them on time.

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