

The Student Leadership Role Card

Ninety seconds per role. If you cannot fill all five lines, the role is not ready to hand over.

Give the completed card to the student. A role card that lives only in your planner is a role the student has to guess at. Print one page per role.

Role card 1

Student / role: _____

1. THE DECISION — what this student gets to decide

2. THE LIMIT — what is not theirs (never grades, discipline, private information)

3. THE DEADLINE — when, and who is inconvenienced if it is late

4. THE GUARDRAIL — what you are watching, and when you step in

5. THE EVIDENCE — the one artifact you will look at

Rotation Grid — One Sheet Per Section

Every student holds two roles per term. No role repeats for anyone until everybody has held one. A student may decline once without explanation and without losing the next rotation.

Student	Role 1	Date	Role 2	Date

25 Student Leadership Roles

Pick two to start: one from the first group, one from the third. Add a third only after three weeks.

Inside one class period

- 1. Discussion facilitator — decides who speaks next and when to move on
- 2. Station manager — decides how the station is explained and reset
- 3. Opening-question lead — writes the warm-up, approved the day before
- 4. Timing lead — calls transitions inside the posted plan
- 5. Recap closer — picks the two ideas for the 60-second summary
- 6. Question keeper — decides which open questions go on the board
- 7. Shared-notes custodian — owns the format of the class notes

Across a unit or project

- 8. Project lead — task split and internal deadlines
- 9. Quality-control reviewer — readiness against the rubric, inside their own group
- 10. Research librarian — which sources survive and which get cut
- 11. Revision editor — which two changes the group makes first
- 12. Rubric co-writer — the wording of one criterion, written before the project
- 13. Checkpoint chair — agenda order and who reports

Peer teaching and support

- 14. Reteach partner — how one skill gets explained to two or three classmates
- 15. Cross-age tutor — pacing and examples with a younger class
- 16. Absent-student onboarder — what a returning classmate needs first
- 17. Equipment or software coach — how the training runs
- 18. New-student host — what to show, in what order, over two weeks
- 19. Study-session lead — which five items the review covers

Beyond the classroom

- 20. Community interviewer — questions, order, and what gets used
- 21. Public-presentation lead — how the group presents to an outside audience
- 22. Event logistics lead — one concrete slice of a real event
- 23. Survey designer — questions and how results are reported
- 24. Service-project coordinator — one measurable commitment
- 25. Peer-mediation volunteer — trained only, minor conflicts only

Role 25 warning. Peer mediation is for trained students and minor disputes only. Anything involving safety, harassment or a protected category goes to an adult immediately, and students never write up a classmate.

Four ways this goes wrong

- **No decision in it.** Attendance taker, paper passer, representative with no agenda.
- **It is really your work.** Grading, filing, chasing missing assignments, policing classmates.
- **Used as a reward for compliance.** Then every student reads leadership as a prize for being easy to teach.
- **Nobody watching.** A real decision needs an adult circulating and reading the artifact.