



## What is SPEAK?

SPEAK stands for **SafePlace Peer Education, Action, and Knowledge**. It is a group of teens from local high schools in Thurston County coming together to talk about issues that are important to them. Some of the topics we will discuss include relationships, consent, boundaries, sexual assault, media literacy, body positivity, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ issues and more! Members will also have the chance to engage in peer-led education!

## What does SPEAK do?

A lot of different things! We will:

- ✓ **Discuss and learn** about the issues mentioned above, plus much, much more
- ✓ Have **presentations** in local schools where we engage in peer-led education around important topics such as consent, boundaries, and healthy relationships
- ✓ **Collaborate** and bond with other young people who are passionate about the same topics!
- ✓ **Launch campaigns** for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- ✓ SPEAK can be used to gain **volunteer hours needed for graduation, professional references and a highlight on a resume or application!**

## Requirements for SPEAK:

- Must be between the ages of 15-18
- **OR** be a currently enrolled high school student as of Fall 2022
- Must have a passion for working with peers around issues like relationships, boundaries, consent, etc.
- Must be open-minded, non-judgmental, and want to work with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences
- Must be able to balance extra-curricular activities (sports, family, schoolwork, music, clubs, etc.) with **commitment to SPEAK**
- Must pass a background check
- **Must regularly attend SPEAK meetings**

## 2022 – 2023 SPEAK! Application

Application deadline: July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns (they/them, she/her, he/him etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (as of Fall 2022): \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



4. SPEAK is a large time commitment. Are there other activities or responsibilities in your life that might interfere with your participation?
  
5. Why do you think these issues (relationships, sexual assault, consent, boundaries, etc.) are important to talk about with youth?

Personal Reference

Please provide the name and contact information of a reference from an educational setting. A teacher, school counselor, coach, administrator, or an adult you know from any other activity you participate in would be great! (This should not be a parent, guardian, or family friend.)

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Note:** Once all applications are **turned in by July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**, you'll receive an email regarding your application. Depending on the number of applicants **we may have to hold interviews**. We want everyone to participate, and we have a limited number of members we're able to accept.

**Member attendance is required the weekend of August 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** for a two-day extravaganza of bonding and learning! **SPEAK will officially start and run alongside the 2022-2023 school year meeting every Monday 6:00pm – 8:00pm** at the SafePlace Office Location.

Return by mail to:

**SafePlace/SPEAK**

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**Or by e-mail to (scan or take a clear picture!):**

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**Questions?**

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