

# What is *important* in High School?

Talent? Athletic skills? Image?...

Not really. What matters is character.  
Character makes you strong.  
Character endures after these others  
are long gone.

**Ahead** gives you the practical,  
intellectual and moral foundation to  
be a man of character. Through a  
combination of classes, one-on-one  
mentoring, and career presentations  
by successful professionals, it helps  
you develop the skills and attitude  
necessary to be effective in college,  
and later as a father and a  
professional man.

The Ahead sessions are held at  
**Tilden Study Center**, an educational,  
non-profit corporation dedicated to  
the intellectual, cultural and spiritual  
development of students and  
professional men. The Christian  
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sponsored by Tilden is entrusted to  
**Opus Dei**, a prelature of the Catholic  
Church. More information about  
Opus Dei is available on the website:  
[www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org)

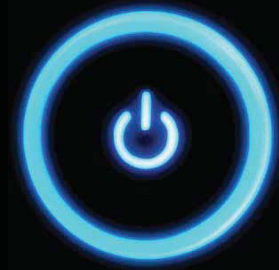


*If you're not ahead, you're behind.*

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# AHEAD

leadership  
seminars

2016-2017  
8th-12th Grade



## WHAT IS AHEAD?

Ahead is a series of Leadership Seminars designed to offer high school students the practical, intellectual, and moral preparation they need in life. Our program meets one Saturday per month throughout the school year. It combines classes, one-on-one mentoring, career presentations, virtue talks, and a period of intense study.

## LOCATION & DETAILS

Tilden Study Center  
655 Levering Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

### SCHEDULE:

11:00 Seminar begins  
12:00/1:00 Lunch: younger/older group  
4:00 Seminar ends

### DATES:

Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21,  
Feb 11, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20

## CURRICULUM | 8th GRADERS

Eighth graders are faced with decisions that will lay foundations for their lives. Students need to be aware of these decisions and how they are made so that they can choose wisely.

SEP 17	Setting Goals for the Future
OCT 15	Living with Authority
NOV 19	The Importance of Friendship
DEC 17	Relationships and Dating
JAN 21	Staying Focused
FEB 11	Effective Studying
MAR 18	True Manliness
APR 15	Conflict Resolution
MAY 20	What Makes You Happy?

## CURRICULUM | FRESHMEN

A college application is a reflection of one's actions during freshman-junior years. Freshmen should know what colleges want to see. Even more, they should know why character is important for success in college and in life.

SEP 17	College Application. Now? Yes.
OCT 15	Grades and My Future
NOV 19	Extracurriculars: Success Outside the Classroom
DEC 17	Career Insights: Which One is for Me?
JAN 21	You are What You Read
FEB 11	Holding Down a Summer Job
MAR 18	Character and Maturity
APR 15	A Life of Service
MAY 20	Am I a Leader?

## CURRICULUM | SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

To help guide you in your choice of a professional career, guest speakers from such areas as academia, finance, law, engineering, and medicine give presentations on their professional fields. These presentations are followed by talks on some of the virtues that are essential in professional life.

SEP 17	Finance		Humility
OCT 15	Public Speaking		Prudence
NOV 19	Academia		Courtesy/Refinement
DEC 17	Law		Service
JAN 21	Computer Science		Perseverance
FEB 11	Summer Plans		Taking Care of Details
MAR 18	Business		Respect for Women
APR 15	Politics		Magnanimity
MAY 20	Medicine		Sincerity

## CURRICULUM | SENIORS

This seminar gives seniors an analysis of philosophical ideas that currently underlie the academics at most American universities. It is taught by a graduate student in humanities at UCLA and lets seniors experience a college-level class.

SEP 17	The Good Life: What is it?
OCT 15	The Good Man: Who is he? How does he act?
NOV 19	The Good Man: Part II
DEC 17	Friendship: How it fits into the good life
JAN 21	The Intellectual Life: How can I initiate it?
FEB 11	Scientism: Is only scientific truth valid?
MAR 18	Marriage: What is it? How it fits in society
APR 15	The State: Its relation to the common good
MAY 20	The Media: How it shapes public opinion



## MENTORING

Each student has a mentor who meets with him monthly. Mentors help the students set practical goals based on the material presented in the seminars. Mentoring and classes are also offered an additional Saturday each month.

## REGISTRATION AND FEES

The application form can be filled out online or printed at: [www.tildenc.org/wp/ahead](http://www.tildenc.org/wp/ahead). The fee for the program is \$400 (\$350 if applying by September 6). Payments can be made online or by check payable to Tilden Study Center. You can pay all at once or in installments.

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