

# Bonus Q&A with Liz Blume



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As a high-school student why should you care about leadership skills right now?

Liz says "you might not be worried about leadership skills as a student", but argues that now is the perfect time to start practicing this skill set. Learning how to be a leader now will set you up for a better future and will help you build upon other skills such as: communication, responsibility, and accountability. Learning leadership qualities will aid you when interviewing for a job or pursuing a college career.

Q

**What leadership skills are you starting to work on?**

A

Does being a leader mean you are in charge of everyone and can boss people around?

Liz says being a leader is a two way street, you have to give a little to get a little. You have to make decisions that are in the best interest of your team. You need to be respectful of your team members, but you also need to make decisions to ensure the job gets done right. It is also important to get respect back from your team members, and that starts with being responsible and holding yourself accountable.

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**Do you want to become a leader of others one day?**

A

As a leader, do you need to know it all?

Liz says the best leaders do not need to know everything and they do not pretend like they do. Instead, good leaders focus on what they excel in and surround themselves with skilled team members to focus on areas that they do not have much knowledge in. Leaders also dedicate themselves to continue to learn in areas they are weaker in.

Q

**What are some leadership skills you excel in?**

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