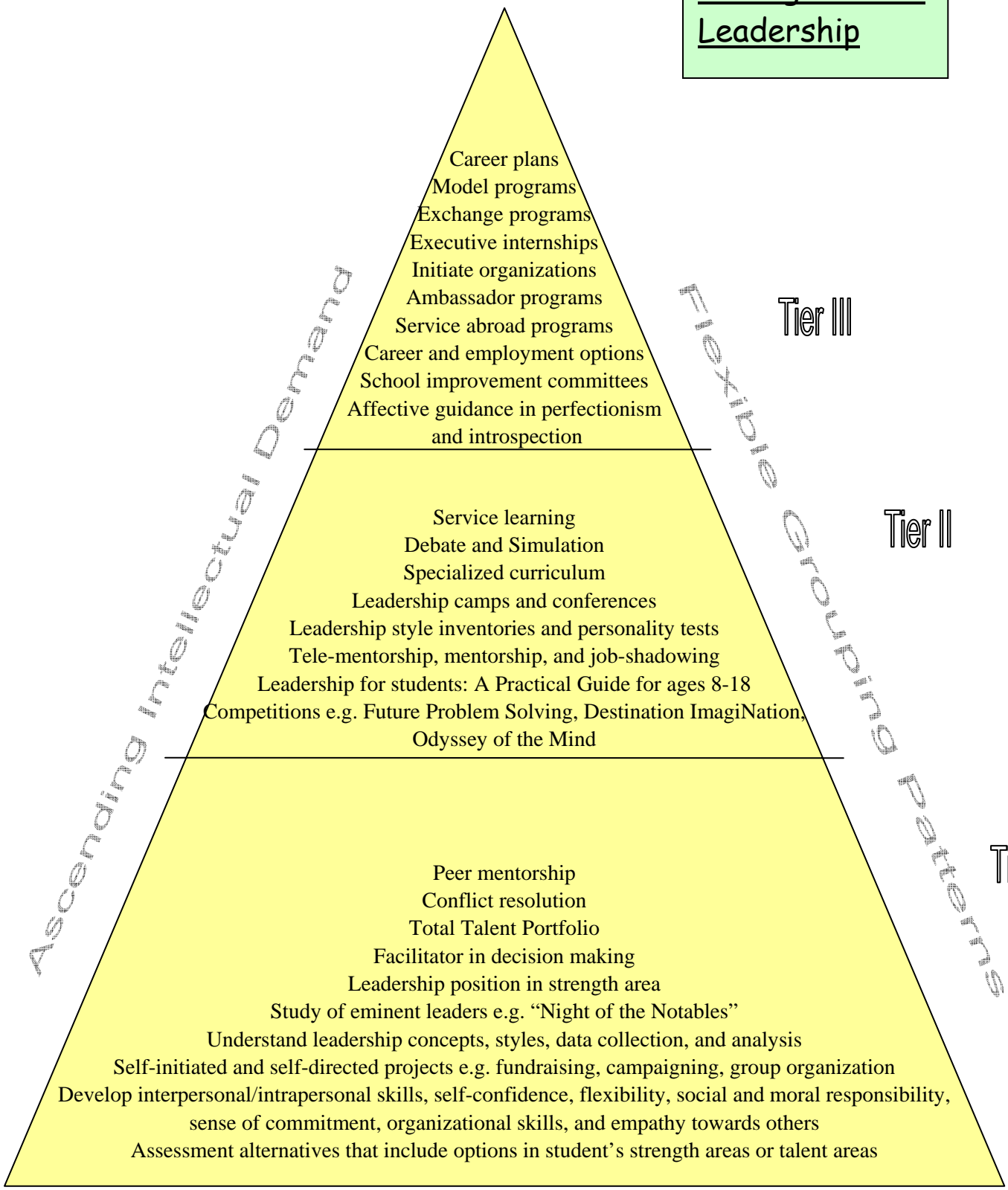


Strength Area:
Leadership



Partnerships: Home, School & Community

Frequently Asked Questions

How can teachers best encourage leadership concepts and skills in their students?

Teachers should create environments in their classrooms which allow students to take on more responsibility and build their self-confidence. Karnes reports that through discussions, students want to develop their thinking and creativity skills and become better speakers. Teachers should encourage students to be leaders and indicate the positive aspects of leadership. Students also said they would like information on school and club elections and opportunities to attend programs and seminars on leadership.

What is important to emphasize in leadership training for gifted students?

In leadership training it is important to emphasize cognition, interpersonal communication, decision making, and problem solving.

- The cognitive process will have a greater emphasis on the higher levels of thinking. This will include exploration, specialization, investigative skill training, and research.
- The second component is problem-solving. This skill would include problem-solving training using an appropriate model, such as the six-step process of Problem perception and definition, Incubation, Creative Thinking, Analysis, Evaluation, and Implementation.
- The third component is interpersonal communication - the ability to work and communicate with other people.
- The fourth component is decision-making skill. Effective decision-making requires independence of thinking and action, self-confidence, acceptance of responsibility, task commitment, and moral strength.



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