

# **WEB & Link Crew**

## **Virtual Curriculum Package**

### **FAQ**

#### **1. Can you tell me more about how this works?**

Your school's purchase of the virtual curriculum package will give your team everything they need to keep WEB and Link Crew and its spirit alive at your school. All Certified Coordinators at your school will have access to a "Video On Demand" section on our website where they can view a series of videos that will walk them through the processes and techniques to be used with the virtual program, as well as what to use, what not to use, and how to adjust the in-person WEB or Link Crew program. They will also have access to a downloadable handbook and other supporting materials like sample videos of virtual Leader Trainings and the new WEB or Link Crew Small Group Curriculum. In addition, they can also utilize live "Office Hours" where Mary Beth, Carolyn and other team members will answer their questions and brainstorm with them thoughts and ideas to help make your program the best it can be in these times.

**How is the curriculum different from the in-person version?** The two virtual assemblies and the small group curriculum are designed using the same group development theory as the original WEB and Link Crew programs, however, the vast majority of the content is different and changed for today's virtual landscape.

#### **2. Can I get someone at my school who is NOT a Certified Coordinator *trained* in the new Link Crew or WEB virtual program?**

No, because at this point there actually is no virtual Link Crew or WEB training, there is only the option to purchase the new virtual curriculum package with all supporting materials needed to adjust the program during these pandemic times.

#### **Why not have a training for new Coordinators?**

In sharp contrast to a live Basic Training, a virtual training for a new WEB or Link Crew Coordinator will not have the depth or inspired potential of a true mentor program, especially in regards to allowing someone to fully experience and understand these programs' intention and philosophy.

Additionally, any training about how to run WEB and Link Crew under these unordinary conditions, which are VERY different than regular times, would not prepare them to run the program in normal times. In other words, they would not be able to run the program once school returns to in-person learning and we are able to gather again.

In short, have you ever tried to tell someone what you experienced and learned at a Three-Day Basic Training? Yea, it's kinda a location thing. But wait! This doesn't mean you don't have options for right now:

#### **If you have someone that you were looking to get Basic Trained during the 2020 season:**

As you know, we always require that people get trained in WEB or Link Crew in order to be a Coordinator of the program at their school. We appreciate that's what you want to do, but these times are crazy, and we want you to get the staff help you need while not spending unnecessary money. (That sounds good, right?)

We suggest when you purchase the Virtual WEB or Link Crew Program Curriculum, simply have your Certified Coordinators share their access with the person/people that were planning on being trained. We know this sounds weird, and totally against our own model, but ultimately, it is MOST important to us that you have what you need to keep your program thriving during these challenging times. Also, we are confident your school team can better explain the intention and philosophy of WEB and Link Crew to your new person/people to help them see the big picture and bring them up to speed for what's needed now.

When we are up and running again with Basic Trainings, they can attend and get the authentic WEB or Link Crew training experience.

**If they were registered for a 2020 Basic Training that was cancelled:**

When all of this craziness is over, send your new person/people to the standard in-person WEB and Link Crew Basic Training to officially certify them and get them on the team. Since they were registered to attend a training this year, we are offering a 20% discount for that in-person Basic Training.

**3. What can we do if we don't currently have a Certified Coordinator at our school and want how to keep our program alive?**

For those schools who don't currently have a Certified Link Crew or WEB Coordinator at their school, we are excited to offer OnBoard! OnBoard! is a virtual Peer-to-Peer Orientation and Mentorship program based on our very successful in-person WEB and Link Crew Orientation and Transition Programs. Just like our in-person programs, OnBoard! Middle School, and OnBoard! High School will serve to connect your incoming students to positive peer role models/mentors who will help them be successful in their first year at your school.

This is a fantastic option that will allow you to support your incoming students until there is an opportunity to get someone trained in Link Crew or WEB at an in-person Basic Training. If this is what you think you need, please call us to talk through your situation so we can advise you appropriately: 800.688.7578

When you purchase OnBoard!, you get:

- A 2-hour Live Webinar where you will experience the virtual orientation firsthand as well as learn about the philosophy and logic behind how to OnBoard! your new students
- Anytime access to 10 videos that will walk you through all steps of the program process including:
  - Creating a Vision and Structures
  - Gaining Administration Commitment
  - Staff Education about the program
  - Recruiting and Selecting Mentors
  - Communication with all stakeholders
  - Introducing Mentors to OnBoard!
  - Training Mentors
  - Orientation Logistics
  - Opening and Closing Assemblies
  - How to be a dynamic online presenter
- Video on Demand sessions of the orientation and training mentors for you to study
- A downloadable PDF Coordinator Manual that will be used to guide you through the static videos
- A downloadable PDF Activity Guide for Mentors to use with their small groups
- Free unlimited online office hours and on-going support

**When is the OnBoard! training?**

We will begin trainings for this new program on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Registration will be open on our website by early June.

**The OnBoard! pricing structure is:**

\$1500.00 for the first three participants  
\$250.00 for each additional participant

**4. Tell me more about the WEB and Link Crew Virtual Package pricing options.**

**Why are there 3 choices of \$500/\$1000/\$1250?**

We created this tiered pricing out of respect for schools and their budgets so you can pay what you can and/or what you think it's worth to keep your program alive and kids connected. We understand this is an unusual way of doing business, but we are walking the tightrope of supporting our people and staying in business. Regardless of what you decide to pay, you will have access to the same materials.

**5. Can I pay before receiving the curriculum?**

Yes. We can do whatever billing timeline that you need in order to access particular budget and funding. Contact the Boomerang Project bookkeeper directly at [heather@boomerangproject.com](mailto:heather@boomerangproject.com) to work out the details.

**6. Is there a date that the curriculum will stop being available for purchase?**

No. The curriculum will remain available on our website indefinitely. Since there is a lack of knowledge around how schools are opening in the fall, we want to be a consistent source of support.

**7. Will the virtual small group activity be in a video chat format? Meaning that Leaders will have to be on a live video chat with the 6th/9th graders?**

Yes, each Leader will need a device (preferably a laptop/chromebook/desktop) to host their small group of 6th/9th graders. And, each 6th and 9th grader will also need a device (again, preferably a laptop/chromebook/desktop).

**8. Will the virtual assembly be something that we the coordinators can pre-record and then push out to the 6th/9th graders?**

Yes, the opening and closing assemblies can be pre-recorded and then pushed out to the Leaders as well as the 6th and 9th graders. There will also be an option to do a live video if you have the technology and structures to deliver. The decision of what to do and how to do it is ultimately up to you.

**9. Is the online WEB and Link Crew Virtual Curriculum Package for Certified Coordinators a live training?**

No, it's actually a series of videos that live in a Video On Demand section of the website that you can access on your own time and at your convenience.