

WEB & Link Crew

Virtual Curriculum Package FAQ

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

The virtual curriculum package gives your team everything they need to keep WEB and Link Crew and its spirit alive at your school. The video series and manuals will walk you through all of the processes and techniques to be used with the virtual program.

What is included in with the purchase of the virtual curriculum?

All Certified Coordinators at your school will have access to a series of training videos and corresponding manuals available on our website to prepare for and execute a virtual orientation. In addition, there are sample Zoom recordings of virtual Leader training and the virtual small group curriculum. Also, there is another 49-page manual for the in-year program that will instruct you in how to keep your program alive throughout the year.

All Certified Coordinators at your school will have access to:

- 19 training videos
- 13 video tools (including sample Zoom recordings of virtual Leader training and the virtual small group)
- Downloadable 98-page Virtual Program Coordinator manual
- Downloadable 49-page Virtual Coordinator manual for the in-year program

How is the curriculum different from the in-person version? While the virtual curriculum is designed using the same group development theory as the original in-person programs, the vast majority of the content and activities are completely different.

How much is the virtual curriculum? The price for the virtual curriculum is \$1500 per school. This means that each certified coordinator at your school will have access to the virtual curriculum for one price. Orders can be placed online, <https://www.boomerangproject.com/register>.

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 transition 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? Yeah, it's kinda a location thing. But wait! This doesn't mean there aren't options for right now:

If you have someone you were planning to get Basic Trained during the 2020 or 2021 season:

As you know, we require that people attend a three-day Basic Training in WEB or Link Crew in order to be a Certified Coordinator of the program at their school. Since we cannot provide in-person trainings at this time, the next best option is to have your people attend an OnBoard! Training. While attending the OnBoard! Training will **not** certify them in WEB or Link Crew, it will provide them with the information they need to support your existing program and Coordinator team during this time of flux. When we are able to provide in-person Basic Trainings, they can attend and become a Certified Coordinator. For information on what is included in the OnBoard! Training, see #3 on the next page.

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 3-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
- On-demand video tools including a samples of orientation components and Mentor training
- A downloadable PDF Coordinator Manual that will be used to guide you through the on-demand videos
- A downloadable PDF Activity Guide for Mentors to use with their small groups
- Support from the Boomerang Project team

When is the OnBoard! training?

Several trainings will be offered in the spring of 2021. If you are interested in a specific time or date, please email info@boomerangproject.com.

The OnBoard! pricing structure* is:

\$3000.00 for the first three participants

\$750.00 for each additional participant

*Prices quoted are valid until June 30th, 2021

4. 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.

5. 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).

6. 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. In the training videos, we will guide you through the pros and cons of each. We also provide a sample welcome video in the virtual program video tools section.

7. 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.