

# PULSE

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PRAY. UNITE. LEAD. SHARE. EQUIP.

Jesus had some important final words for his disciples, and for us as his followers today: “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.” Mark 16:15–16

Did you know that the high school and junior high/middle school campus are vital mission fields in God’s plan to reach everyone with the Gospel?

- ▶ 99% of the population of your community will pass through these schools.
- ▶ 75% of the people who receive Christ will do so before high school graduation.
- ▶ Once teenagers leave your high school they will transition to multiple occupations and lifestyles, making it much more difficult to reach them with the gospel.

Right now, on your campus there are students who are ready to put their trust in Christ if someone would love them and share the Truth. And on your campus, there are Christian students who need encouragement, and would be willing to reach others if someone helped them.

#### Ask yourself...

- ▶ Why has God placed me in my community and at our school?

- ▶ What is God’s heart for the students at our campus?
- ▶ Who could join with me in reaching out to our school?

#### Check the PULSE at your school!

The PULSE was designed by the Campus Alliance, over 30 Christian organizations who are working together to help reach out to every teenager and school in America with the love of Jesus Christ.

As you read through the PULSE, the questions and ideas under each point will help you “diagnose” the Christian movement at your school, and how you can take positive steps to love other students, and lead friends to Christ.

God has a reason for placing you right where you are at your campus. He loves you and every student at your school. He is giving you the incredible honor of representing him, and sharing his love with others.

*How healthy is the Christian movement on your campus?*

## Go ahead, check your PULSE.

Check out these five areas — Pray, Unite, Lead, Share, Equip — and score your PULSE (1 low – 5 high)

### PRAY

*Pursue an active prayer strategy*

#### Do students from your school gather consistently to pray?

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Are students forming prayer groups?
- ▶ Do you and your friends ask God to change hearts at your school?

#### Are individuals and groups at the school being prayed for by name?

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Do you pray for teammates, friends and teachers?
- ▶ Idea: Go through your yearbook and list names of students on prayer cards.
- ▶ Idea: Share these cards with other Christians who will pray for those students.

#### Are prayer requests and results being shared with others?

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Do you share prayer requests with other adult Christians in your community?
- ▶ Do you keep track of prayer requests and how God is answering those prayers?

### UNITE

*Unity in heart, mind and purpose on campus*

#### Do Christian groups communicate with each other?

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Do you and your friends meet and pray with the other Christian groups on campus?
- ▶ Idea: Keep a common calendar so events do not conflict with each other.

#### Is there a shared vision for reaching students?

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Do you meet with other Christians to plan together?
- ▶ Idea: Write a common “vision statement”.

#### Are relationships of trust being built?

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Do the Christian groups on campus support one another?
- ▶ Do the members of these groups take time to build relationships?

## LEAD

Engage in student-led, adult-supported ministry

**Are students and adults developing their God-given skills and modeling Christ-like living?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Are you using your talents to lead (“up-front or “behind the scenes”)?
- ▶ Be honest: Do I reflect the attitude and heart of Jesus on campus?

**Do adults mentor and disciple students?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Idea — ask a youth worker, teacher or parent to equip you and your friends to reach others at school (2 Tim. 2:2)?

**Are students reaching students on and off campus?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Do you and your friends take time to build relationships and share the gospel with students who don't know Christ?

## SHARE

Exercise an active plan to share the gospel with students

**Is there a vision and burden for reaching those without Christ?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Are you motivated by a concern for students who don't know Jesus?
- ▶ Idea: Discuss with your Christian friends what it is like to not have a relationship with Christ.

**Are multiple strategies being utilized to share the gospel?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Are you lovingly sharing Christ with students who do not know Him personally?
- ▶ Idea: Each semester, you and your friends could plan an outreach where you invite other students to attend and hear about Christ.

**Do students and adults take time to build relationships with those who do not know Christ?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Do students who don't know Christ sense care and love from the Christian students?
- ▶ Idea: Make a list of 5 people you will pray for, and look for a chance to share Christ with each one.

## EQUIP

Receive ongoing training to reach students for Christ

**Are students and adults involved in purposeful and effective training?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Have you and your friends been trained in ...  
*how to communicate the gospel clearly and effectively?*  
*how to follow up new believers and involve them in discipleship and church?*

**Are relevant topics and felt needs being addressed?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Are you and your friends being helped with how to understand the needs of your classmates and answer questions they may have?
- ▶ Idea: Visit the Web sites listed at the end of the PULSE for training help.

**Is there an atmosphere of encouragement and celebration about what God has done?**

1 2 3 4 5

- ▶ Are stories of what God is doing at your school shared with others in your community and church?
- ▶ Idea: Hosting a “Challenge Sunday” at your church in September (the Sunday before See You at the Pole) is a great way for a church to publicly affirm and commission students and educators. Talk to your pastor about the idea.

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**Add up your scores. What's the PULSE at your school? \_\_\_\_\_**  
(15 lowest – 75 highest)

**What areas are doing well?**

**What areas need attention?**

**Need Resources?**

**Check out these websites:**

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[www.gocampus.org](http://www.gocampus.org)  
[www.youthworkers.net](http://www.youthworkers.net)  
[www.syatp.org](http://www.syatp.org)  
[www.catchthis.net](http://www.catchthis.net)  
[www.prayerzonepartners.org](http://www.prayerzonepartners.org)  
[www.dare2share.org](http://www.dare2share.org)  
[www.fca.org](http://www.fca.org)  
[www.fpoa.org](http://www.fpoa.org)  
[www.reach-out.org](http://www.reach-out.org)  
[www.studentz.com](http://www.studentz.com)  
[www.threestory.org](http://www.threestory.org)  
[www.studentventure.com](http://www.studentventure.com)  
[www.yausa.com](http://www.yausa.com)  
[www.younglife.org](http://www.younglife.org)  
Or call toll-free: 1.877.GOCAMPUS

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