

## ***Jefferson Middle School***

***Midland, Michigan***

### ***S.T.A.N.D.***

**DEFINITION:** S.T.A.N.D. is an acronym for Students Taking A New Direction (Program of Student Leadership SY) This is the only active S.T.A.N.D. program in Midland Public Schools. This program is to encourage positive relationships with the students, school and the community. The existence of S.T.A.N.D. is to help facilitate a healthy Jefferson Middle School student.

S.T.A.N.D. is positive for our school. Belonging to S.T.A.N.D. helps build character and helps the student find the things they like and dislike. With the feeling of belonging, the students will continue to be accepting of others and be able to create tolerance for others. These two concepts will be preventative factors to help with our Safe School Policy. S.T.A.N.D. can keep students involved and give them school pride which can help them through the transition from elementary school to middle school.

A pre/post test has been chosen to evaluate the S.T.A.N.D. group. With this evaluation, involvement in the community can be easily monitored. The knowledge the students learn about agencies in the community can be also monitored. The evaluation can help keep track of the student's volunteer hours. The volunteer hours can be used for high school graduation requirements and college applications. (See attached)

## **MEMBERS AND HOURS**

1996 - 1997 - 9 members

1997-1998 - 67 members and 502.5 volunteer hours

1998 - 1999 - 83 members and 833.5 volunteer hours

1999 - 2000 - 65 members and 1,301.5 volunteer hours

2000 - 2001 - 60 member and 535 volunteer hours

2001 - 2002 - 120 members and 904.5 volunteer hours

2002 - 2003 - 160 members and 1,073.5 volunteer hours

2003 - 2004 - 208 members and 1,777 volunteer hours

2004 - 2005 - 164 members and 1,448 volunteer hours

2005 - 2006 - 130 members and 1,305 volunteer hours

## **Awards and Accomplishments**

**1998** *Best New Team March of Dimes  
Walk America*

**1998** *Exceptional Team Achievement  
March of Dimes - Walk America  
(Placed 7th in the top 10 highest donations)*

**1999** *Exceptional Team Achievement  
March of Dimes - Walk America*

**1999** *Top Youth Team  
March of Dimes - Walk America  
(Placed 2nd in the top 10 highest donations \$1,500)*

**1998-1999** *Outstanding School/Student Volunteer Program  
United Way - Voluntary Action Center*

**2000-2001** *3,500 cans of food to the Salvation Army and Midland's  
women Shelter*

**2000-2001** *480 pairs of shoes to Keith the Cobbler to Repair for other  
countries*

**2001-2005** *Top Exceptional Team Achievement  
March of Dimes - Walk America  
Top Team Walker*