



River Hill High School Bands

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PRINCIPLES OF THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Through our attitudes and actions, we try to affect the world around us in the most productive and helpful way possible.

Through our music we hope to bring enjoyment to those for whom we perform.

This is one of the true rewards for the diligent work of all of the students, private instructors, and directors at River Hill High School

ATTITUDE

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.

Approach every situation as learning opportunity and you will be surprised at how much you will grow.

PLAN (THINK) AHEAD

Do not wait to be told things that you already know how to do.

Do not let life take you by surprise.

Try to anticipate events and circumstances, and be prepared to deal with the obstacles.

COMMITMENT

Commitment is the ability to begin a task or concept and follow it through until its full completion.

This often means fighting through frustration, difficulties, and momentary distractions to reach a worthwhile goal.

GENEROSITY

Share the talents you have been given unselfishly with others.

This often refers to monetary donations, but it also is simply taking time out of your day to help another person.

Who did you go out of your way for today?

INTEGRITY

Always do the right thing, in every situation – even if it isn't the easiest way.

Integrity is doing the right thing even though no one is watching.

JUDGEMENT

The ability to decide what is important and what is not.

Do not waste energy on situations beyond your control,

but don't use this as a cop-out for situations that you could positively affect with a little effort.

RESPECT

Treat others in a kind and caring way.

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!”

RESPONSIBILITY

The ability to respond to every situation with your own choice.

Evaluate yourself honestly, and always strive for improvement, pushing yourself to do your best in every thing you do.

TRUST

Trust is the ability to believe in and depend on a person's character.

Trust is an essential element in any meaningful relationship.

With every interaction trust is gained or lost.

Make sure you build trust with as many people as possible through all human contact.

WALK THE TALK

Actions speak louder than words. Don't be hypocritical.

If you say you are going to take care of something, make sure it gets done.

If you offer help to others, make sure what you have taken your own advice.