

HRS CORE VALUES IN ACTION: ELECTION DISCUSSIONS

Core Values

Respect

Listen to Others' Opinions: Show respect by listening when classmates express their thoughts or ideas about the election.

Disagree Politely: If you disagree with someone's viewpoint, express your opinion respectfully, without name-calling or interrupting.

Respect Election Outcomes: Understand and accept the results of the election, even if it doesn't go as you hoped.

Purpose

Understand the Impact: Recognize the purpose of elections in shaping our nation and our communities.

Engage Meaningfully: Participate in conversations with the purpose of contributing to the greater good, rather than just winning the conversation.

Ask Questions: Be curious and seek to understand how elections work and why they matter in a democratic society.

Responsibility

Be Informed: Take responsibility for learning about the candidates and issues before forming an opinion.

Participate Thoughtfully: Engage in discussions or activities related to the election with an intentional and informed mindset.

Follow Guidelines: Adhere to the rules or expectations set for participation, whether in class discussions, group activities, or other events.

Perseverance

Stay Engaged: Even if the process feels challenging or slow, remain involved and committed to learning and discussing the issues at hand.

Keep Learning: After the election, continue to educate yourself about how decisions are made and how you can still make a difference.

Support Long-Term Change: Understand that the election process is just one step in a bigger journey, and stay committed to future involvement and positive change.

Sentence Starters

"I understand your point, and I'd like to add..."

"Thank you for sharing. I see it a little differently because..."

"I hear what you're saying, and I'd like to know more about..."

"I appreciate your opinion. Here's how I see it..."

"I respect your view. My experience has been..."

"I hadn't thought of it that way before. Could you clarify..."

"I see where you're coming from, but I have a different perspective on..."

"Thank you for your insight. Have you thought about..."



"Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part."

- John Lewis