Portrait of a Middle School Student

At the heart of all Pacific Ridge Middle School programs and activities are its mission statement and values, including the diversity statement and core values listed below. The MS Portrait Traits were created to highlight, appreciate, and teach these values daily.

MISSION STATEMENT

In a community that fosters academic excellence, ethical responsibility, and global engagement, Pacific Ridge School prepares students for college and a purposeful life.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

As a community that is committed to valuing and supporting all identities and experiences, Pacific Ridge School strives to foster inclusivity and equity to prepare students for life in a diverse society.

CORE VALUES

Commit to Learning: *We seek to grow through curiosity, perseverance, and an open mind. We believe there is joy in learning.*

Own Our Outcomes: *We are accountable for our actions and the impact of those actions. We learn from our experiences and make purposeful changes.*

Acknowledge Views Beyond Our Own: *We respect the diversity of our community. We welcome conversations that promote learning and inclusivity.*

Care for Our Community: *We build community through courage, conviction, and kindness.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL PORTRAIT TRAITS

Awareness • Curiosity • Creativity • Resilience

Integrity • Empathy • Positive Amplifier

Leave it better than you found it

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PRS middle school students strive to...

AWARENESS

- Identify their strengths and challenges and set appropriate goals
- Recognize emotions and their influence on behaviors
- Acknowledge their impact on other people
- Remain present and engaged in the moment

CURIOSITY

- Ask and answer questions to deepen their understanding
- Strive to be open-minded to different people, ideas, and experiences
- Listen attentively in classroom and community settings
- Pursue learning beyond the classroom

CREATIVITY

- Develop their imagination and find their unique voice
- Produce original ideas and solutions to daily tasks and problems
- Communicate opinions and ideas clearly in verbal, visual, and written form
- Value artistic expression through various mediums and forms

RESILIENCE

- Persevere in the face of adversity and challenges
- Believe in the ability to grow and learn as students and community members
- Adapt confidently to surprises and the unexpected
- Value failure as part of being successful

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PRS middle school students strive to...

INTEGRITY

- Display a strong, moral compass by handling situations directly and honestly
- Demonstrate consistency in academic, social, and community behaviors
- Exhibit the courage to make good decisions in all situations
- Use technology respectfully and responsibly in all situations

EMPATHY

- Care for and support all members of the PRS community
- Seek to understand various perspectives and ideas
- Dedicate themselves to consistently helping others locally and globally
- Display grace in winning and losing, success and failure

POSITIVE AMPLIFIER

- Uplift the people and spaces they interact with every day
- Appreciate the helpful actions and attitudes of others
- Value shared experiences and laugh often with others
- Maintain a healthy balance of work and play

Leave It Better Than You Found It

The phrase **"Leave It Better Than You Found It"** comes from backpacking culture; the phrase acknowledges the role that each of us plays in being stewards of the environment. When we use this phrase in the Pacific Ridge Middle School, we are encouraging students and faculty to recognize the social, emotional, and physical role they play in ensuring the health and success of our community. Students who truly live into this concept consistently embody these multiple forms of stewardship on campus as well as all the Portrait Traits outlined above.

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