

Vista Grande High School

Precepts that Guide our Community

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1. We are reflective and self-directed learners.

We take charge of our own education and empower ourselves to explore our own minds and the world with enthusiasm, passion, and creativity. We keep our learning interesting by asking engaging questions our ourselves and others. We work to manifest quality and are willing to revise our work until we have achieved our best.

2. We live in respectful community with others and the natural world.

As members of a respectful community, we practice non-violence. We encourage cooperation and help create spaces where others feel safe and can express themselves freely. Our community-mindedness extends beyond humanity and causes us to realize that we live in a natural world that we depend upon and that depends upon us.

3. We are growth-oriented.

We value the whole person: body, mind and spirit. We know that we are constantly growing and changing and have the power to direct our own journey. Therefore, we create our future with intention, using our ability to set, revise and meet our goals. On our journey, we celebrate our achievements and and see our mistakes not as failures, but as learning opportunities.

4. We are responsible leaders.

Responsible leaders strive for justice--not just convenience--and do the right thing even when it is tough. We realize that through our actions we influence others--therefore, we know it's our responsibility to guide others by example. Every day we make choices for which we must consider the immediate and long-term effects of our actions.