

I am responsible for all aspects of this school.

Expect more from yourself than you do of others.

Treating someone with disrespect only once will forever change how I am viewed. Be positive every day, all of the time.

I am the filter. Leave every conversation and every meeting making others more motivated to do their job well.

A program is only as good as the teachers who implement it. Always care what the best teachers think.

Provide a way for teachers to learn from other professionals, from each other, and from me.

Hire teachers for their talent, not their experience or education level, and plant the seeds in the interview.

Keep testing in perspective. It is important but it is not all that we are.

Focus on improving actions and behavior, not beliefs.
Reinforce the good rather than attacking those who fall short.

What is best for students (each student and *all* students) should be at the center of every decision.

Make it cool to care.

Be true to your core beliefs, but recognize what is insignificant.

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Reminder Checklist

We have been encouraged to post our core beliefs for ourselves and all to see, and Todd Whitaker's *What Great Principals Do Differently* helped be to clarify some of mine. I would like to post this as a reminder of what I've learned from this excellent resource to help me keep these things in the forefront of my mind as I continue my journey as an educational leader. A Strategic Leader articulates and consistently demonstrates a philosophy of education and utilizes leadership processes to achieve common goals. These reminders will help me be consistent in articulating my own beliefs in the educational and leadership process.