

Raleigh Charter High School

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Mission Statement

Raleigh Charter High School challenges college-bound students in a creative and supportive atmosphere to become knowledgeable, thoughtful, contributing citizens.

Citizenship Preamble and Principles

We, of RCHS, intend to cultivate the understanding and practices that sustain individual self-determination and community self-government. We have adopted the following principles in order to ensure that all who pass through our halls can imagine, create, and govern a more perfect world.

We believe:

That a foundation of knowledge and ethics must precede all intellectual inquiry;

That if we

- encourage self-awareness
- build and maintain local communities
- develop an awareness of our membership in ever larger communities
- engage in common enterprises with people who are different
- accommodate and address conflict and change
- facilitate problem solving
- foster balance and moderation in life and
- take ownership and responsibility for learning

We will become good citizens.

Some Resources on School Culture

Books

- *Shaping School Culture* by Terrence Deal and Kent Peterson
- *Transforming School Culture* by Anthony Muhammad
- *School Climate* by Peter DeWitt

Organizations

- ASCD: <http://www.ascd.org/Default.aspx>
- Education Week: <https://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html>
- Center for Civic Education and Res Publica (particularly pages 46, 63, 64): <http://www.civiced.org/pdfs/respublica2006.pdf>