



Vanguard Values

Respect. Responsibility. Readiness. Safety.

Our goal at The Vanguard School is to teach and encourage appropriate behavior in all areas of school through concentrated instruction of The Vanguard Values: Respect, Responsibility, Readiness and Safety. We believe students who reflect respectfulness, responsibility, readiness and safety maximize not only their learning opportunities but also those of their peers.

Students are actively involved in learning about The Vanguard Values and how they apply to all areas of school through a variety of activities, lessons, demonstrations, videos and role playing. Here are general guidelines for teaching/reinforcing positive behaviors.

- Teach behaviors as you would teach academics or any other skill. By way of introduction, emphasize key language terms.
- Provide a brief rationale for why The Vanguard Values are important. Use demonstration, modeling, role-playing and explanations, as appropriate.
- Give examples of appropriate behavior and inappropriate behavior, including what each type of behavior may look or sound like.
- Teach the behavior at a meaningful and memorable level. Students should be actively involved in the lesson.
- Have students demonstrate the behaviors, and give them opportunities to practice.
- Provide frequent trials or lessons as the program is getting underway (and subsequently at the beginning of every school year).
- Revisit lessons when a new student arrives in class or when large numbers of students are having difficulty meeting the expectation.