

# Philomath High School

**"PRESERVING OUR PAST – PREPARING OUR FUTURE"**

**\*\*\*LEARNING THE R.O.P.E.S.\*\*\***

Responsibility – Ownership – Pride – Excellence – Success



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*Home of the Warriors*

What does **SUCCESS** look like at PHS:

Common Characteristics for staff –

- Teachers pursue a **clear, shared purpose** for all students' learning;
- Teachers are engaged in **collaborative activities** to achieve the shared purpose; (Teachers dialoguing with each other concerning student learning)
- Teachers take **collective responsibility** for student learning.

Common beliefs of what students want teachers to be –

- Be relevant in what they teach;
  - Be organized;
  - Believe in them;
  - Show them 'how'.
- STOP – What is less valuable  
START – What is more valuable  
CONTINUE – What remains highly valuable

Positive School Climate –

- Greeting students daily
- Calling students by their first name
- Connecting with students (showing them you care)
- Mentoring students who seem disconnected
- Attending students' school events
- Calling home (both positive calls and calls of concern)

7 Principles for Educational Sustainability –

- ❖ Depth (It matters)
- ❖ Endurance (It lasts)
- ❖ Breadth (It spreads)
- ❖ Justice (It does not harm the surrounding environment)
- ❖ Resourcefulness (It does not burn people out)
- ❖ Diversity (It promotes diversity and cohesion; avoids standardization)
- ❖ Conservation (It honors the past in creating the future)

The 4 Pillars of Learning –

- Learning to know
- Learning to do
- Learning to be
- Learning to live together

4 Learning Criteria –

- > Core Learning
- > Stretch Learning
- > Student Engagement
- > Personal Skill Development