

# Principles of Leadership

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*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.” —Margaret Mead*

**Welcome to Principles of Leadership!** In this course, we will be exploring what makes a good leader. We will be using a leadership learning system called, the *Student Leadership Challenge* to guide the class. This class is all about learning how to mobilize others to want to make extraordinary things happen in your school and community.

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamental principles of leadership development
2. Be able to identify the characteristics of exceptional leaders
3. Identify the Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership
4. Integrate specific leadership habits into your daily activities
5. Evaluate your process in developing as a leader
6. Understand strategies to help others develop their leadership behaviors
7. Write clear, focused goals.
8. Take an idea and turn it into a organized, positive action
9. Reflect upon successes and failures and learn from them!

Materials:

- You will need to bring your iPad to class everyday. Make sure it is charged!!
- A notebook and pen/pencil
- We will be using a textbook, called *The Student Leadership Challenge* by James Kouzes and Barry Posner. The books will remain in the classroom unless otherwise noted.

*You will be keeping a journal for this class. Most assignments, notes, etc. will be kept in this journal.*

*In this class, we will be conducting many group discussions. It is vital that you remain respectful and courteous of others. Failure to do so will result in a call home and possibly further disciplinary action.*

**Welcome to the class! This will be a great opportunity to learn about yourself and others and grow as a citizen of your school and community.**