

# Willis Core Values Statements

*All members of the Willis Junior High School community should familiarize themselves with these three core values and do their best to uphold these standards every day.*

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## **1. Willis is a place where everyone must feel safe and valued.**

*Bullying, threats, hitting, fighting, and gang related activity are not permitted.*

- Respect the rights, property, and individuality of others – everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect
- Avoid rumors, language, and drama that offends or makes others feel less valued
- Use appropriate language and treat others with respect, in person and on social media
- Involve an adult if you are unable to solve a problem or if you see another person in need of help
- Do not bring prohibited items to school (see student handbook)

## **2. Willis is a place where learning is a priority.**

*In the classroom, Willis students will participate appropriately and behave in a manner that does not interfere with the teacher's ability to teach, or other students' ability to learn.*

- Passing periods are for travelling to your next class – it is expected that students will arrive to class on time
- Be prepared with appropriate school supplies, assignments, and materials
- Actively participate, pay attention, put in the effort, and be engaged in learning
- Respect the time of classmates and teachers by following directions and interacting appropriately
- Be responsible for completing assignments and asking for help when needed
- All electronic devices (cell phones, earbuds, tablets, etc.) must be in silent mode and in a backpack during the class period

## **3. Willis is a place where we take pride in our school, and doing little things makes a big difference.**

*Model appropriate actions and behaviors and encourage others to do the same. Be a positive difference-maker!*

- Use trash cans, and assist in keeping our school clean
- Keep food and drinks in designated areas of campus
- Bring only water into the classroom, or campus buildings – no food, or drinks other than water
- Follow the Willis dress code – hats and hoods on are not permitted
- Chewing gum is not permitted
- Practice good hygiene – wash hands, use hand sanitizer, respect the personal space of others
- Be a positive representative of our school with your words and actions