

1. Students **learn, achieve, and succeed** in a safe, supportive, comfortable environment conducive to attaining their fullest potential.
2. Students **perform at their highest level** and behavior improves when they are challenged and expectations are high.
3. Students must **develop skills** in verbal and written communication, reading, math, science, health, physical fitness, fine arts, humanities, and research.
4. Students must be able to **use technology** proficiently in preparation for life.
5. Students must **develop proficient skills** in reasoning, critical thinking, and problem solving in order to become productive citizens.
6. Students must develop personal, educational, and career **goals** to promote life-long learning and success.
7. **Diversity** helps students make a successful transition from the education setting to the real world.
8. Effective and timely **communication** with parents/guardians and students fosters a positive attitude toward learning.
9. **Cooperation and caring** among administration, faculty, parents/guardians, and students provide an atmosphere of respect and foster integrity.
10. Staff development is **essential** for teachers to function effectively.
11. An **array of activities** such as clubs, athletics, and the arts is essential to the development of well-rounded students.
12. Instruction must consider the **different learning styles** of our student body.
13. It is necessary to provide opportunities that develop the desire for, and the practice of **character, leadership, and service to others**.



THE Ridgeway BELIEFS