Auburn High School  
Core Values and Beliefs

The students, teachers, staff members, administrators, parents, and community members of Auburn High School have collaborated to identify several key values that are most important to our learning community. These values are community, academics, and respect.

We believe that having a sense of **COMMUNITY** is vital to the success of our school. Building positive relationships between students, staff, administration, parents, and members of the school community is an essential part of this process. We believe that fostering communication and collaboration within and between these groups leads to a supportive and encouraging environment. Students will be more invested in their education if they feel a sense of belonging and can connect with others. Investing time, energy and resources in activities and events that are designed to foster a sense of community are both worthwhile and necessary.

We believe that **ACADEMICS** should provide students with opportunities for exploration, inquiry, creativity, and growth. We believe that academics consists of authentic and practical learning and should be differentiated to best meet the needs of all students. Students should be able to think critically and creatively and to communicate their ideas effectively. Students need to be able not only to access information, but also to utilize this knowledge in a manner which will enable them to be successful after graduation from Auburn High. Individuals should take ownership of their education and be responsible for their choices, actions, and achievement. We believe that self-discipline, organization, and time management are essential skills necessary for lifelong learning.

We believe that **RESPECT** should be mutual between students, parents, teachers, staff, and members of the school community. It is important to recognize that all school members have been shaped by unique experiences that inform their opinions and viewpoints, and these differences are to be valued and appreciated. All members should be encouraged to express themselves and their beliefs and opinions in a supportive and safe environment. We believe that respect for differences, diversity, property, community, time, and work form the foundation of a nurturing community.