

Van Tech Music Program Guiding Principles

Please note that this is a working document, created and collaborated on by 2019-2021 Van Tech music teachers and students, and will be updated on an ongoing basis. Please email akilburn@vsb.bc.ca if you have a suggestion for a guiding principle that you would like to see added to this list.

Teachers

- Maintain a positive environment in class
- Choose repertoire that is varied and offers unique learning opportunities
- Be kind and respectful toward all students and parents
- Be mindful not to overextend oneself, making personal health and stress levels a priority in order to properly support students
- Prepare and plan effective lessons that address student growth
- Work toward keeping the room clean and safe
- Offer extra support to vulnerable students

Students

- Respect class time and come prepared
- Ask for help when needed
- Respect and listen to your sectional leader
- Don't mock other students' mistakes but be supportive of their growth and respect the learning environment, while having an understanding of your own areas for growth
- Work toward keeping the room clean and safe
- Be encouraging of yourself and others
- Respect other's musical ability as everyone is at different levels
- Respect teachers by listening and responding to feedback
- Students are encouraged to offer respectful input into their music education and program decision making, but should acknowledge that it is not their place to tell teachers what to do

Parents

- Maintain a positive environment at home around practicing
- Be supportive of a student musician's needs, such as purchasing concert blacks
- Show involvement by reading music letters and emails
- Allow your child to work toward effective communication on their own before involving yourself
- Parents who are volunteering, please respect students within Music Council's goals and authority toward leading
- Support your child by attending concerts as regularly as possible