

CIVILITY

“Civility and Communication in the Midst of Differences”

Characteristics of Civility: _____ **Mutual** **respect** _____ extended to others
_____ **Community engagement** _____

Civility: good manners, courtesy, etiquette, etc.

*A form of goodness that entails an attitude of benevolent & thoughtful relating to other individuals; an active interest in the well-being of our communities. - P.M. Forni

*An attitude of respect, even love for our fellow citizens. – Stephen Carter

*Characterized by true respect for others. – Institute for Civility in Governance

*Respect for difference and willingness to compromise, most importantly for the good of generations to come. – National Institute for Civil Discourse

Productive Civil Disagreement:

1) Acknowledge others are entitled to their OWN perspective

2) Try to understand the other person’s position, beliefs, views (their lens)

When you extend respect and courtesy to others, the tone of discourse is likely to change.

What does Civility look like?

_____ display of manners, courtesy, politeness

_____ have a general awareness of rights, wishes, concerns, feelings of others

_____ show deference to others, particularly those in authority

_____ willing to embrace diversity and respect others with difference

_____ intentional listening to others and respond to meanings they communicate

_____ mindful of sensitivities of those with whom you speak, adjust own speech and conduct in accordance

_____ personal conduct that shows respect and appreciation for others

_____ serve with volunteer organizations for the purpose of aiding others

_____ run for public office or positions of leadership to impact change

Other traits: Pay attention, Listen, Be inclusive, Don’t gossip, Show respect, Be agreeable, Apologize, Give constructive criticism, Take responsibility, Tell the truth.