

# **Yorktown High School Activities Department**

## ***Vision Statement***

The Yorktown High School Activities Department is committed to delivering a comprehensive program which engages as many students as possible in the pursuit of extracurricular activities. We believe extracurricular activities provide a worthwhile venue for students to learn, develop and actively implement many of the positive skills and attitudes which they will need throughout life, regardless of their future endeavors.

Specifically, we believe in challenging young adults to reach their potential in athletics, the arts and other areas as defined not by the results in events per se, but rather by their preparation for, competition in and reflection on such participation. Through intentionally utilizing teachable moments, carefully and thoughtfully hiring positive role models as coaches and moderators, and explicitly encouraging parents and our community to assist us, we aim to foster each student's growth and development of a social and emotional skill set which will allow him/her to succeed in a diverse, changing and challenging world.

We will:

Hire coaches/moderators who encourage social and emotional skills and attitudes such as impulse control, perseverance, self-discipline and sportsmanship;

Engage the community, including parents and spectators, in promoting and modeling respectful and sportsmanlike behavior;

Provide a culture which is welcoming to opposing students in recognition of the learning and growth process they too are engaged in through participation in activities;

Encourage growth and reflection in our students by specifically addressing incidents which provide learning opportunities as soon as possible after they occur;

Model skills and behaviors which are consistent with the ones we aim to develop in our students.