

Generals Show PRIDE

If you have visited Shafter High School lately, you may have noticed the new signs and flags that adorn the campus and showcase the Block S and “Generals” logo. You may have also noticed the word PRIDE scattered across campus and expressed daily in the student broadcast news from Shafter High’s state of the art video production lab. So you may ask, “What is General PRIDE?” Shafter teacher Eric Olinger explains, “General PRIDE is a school-wide movement that highlights our already positive school culture at Shafter High School. PRIDE focuses on recognizing students and staff who exemplify areas of PRIDE and reward positive behaviors that impact students and their peers, our school and the Shafter community. It also sets up a positive, proactive model for those who might struggle with school or daily life. PRIDE is a deliberate focus on positive school culture, impacting students for a lifetime.”

What does PRIDE mean to our staff, students, and community? Through staff collaboration, a definition was established. It means, **P**ride in our Community and Traditions, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**etermination, and **E**nthusiasm. English Teacher Larissa Davis states, “General PRIDE is something our General Community has always had. We have Pride in our school that runs through generations of Generals. The Respect on our campus is extremely evident in the way our students and staff genuinely treat each other. Our students are honest in their work and strive to always do their best which is showing Integrity in its truest form. The Determination on our campus can be seen from the classroom to the sports fields. And the Enthusiasm our students, staff, AND community have is priceless and is no match compared to other campuses. Once a General, Always a General!”

Shafter High students receive recognition through Golden Tickets when they demonstrate PRIDE. Students turn in their tickets for a chance to earn more prizes in a weekly drawing. Students can earn shirts, pendants, shorts, decals and other Shafter gear. It is through the leadership, ongoing support, and vision of Shafter High School’s Principal, Russell Shipley, that campus improvements, new programs and course offerings continue to bring a positive overall experience for our students. Shafter High’s Kinesiology teacher, Valarie Labrentz says, “We are excited to see the shift in our students and the increase in positive behavior on our campus. This movement is not just about students but it encompasses all staff. Our security officers, police officer, grounds crew, administration, and classified staffs regularly pass out tickets to students around campus. Our students know it’s not just our teachers who see our students exhibiting PRIDE, it is a whole school culture and we are proud to be Generals.”



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