

What are the Qualities of a Good Leader?



Prospect Ridge Academy's NJHS leadership committee

Awareness

Be aware of who you lead and who leads you!



Decisiveness

All leaders will at some point be required to make tough decisions. These decisions may not please everyone but a good leader knows how to be firm in their decisions.



Accountability

Being a leader and having power comes with responsibility. A good leader will have to be able to take the blame if a task doesn't go as planned. The leader will have to take responsibility for everyone's actions.



Empathy

The best leaders “praise in public and address problems in private”. Instead of blaming someone or releasing anger on someone they would find a “constructive solution” and guide their team through challenges.



Confidence

Be confident and spread your confidence throughout your team! If people working towards a goal are insecure and not confident about it, then it's probably not going to work.



Optimism

Everything is never going to go as planned. Good leaders will always seem to have another solution and inspiration for their team. Imagine if one of your leaders in your everyday life saw a problem and just thought "well nothing is going to work out, might as well give up on the day now" that doesn't sound like a very optimistic leader to me!



Honesty

Great leaders are open about what's going on and they treat others the way they would want to be treated. They are open and honest, not faking it and acting like things are always perfect.



Focus

An unfocused leader isn't a good leader! Good leaders are passionate and focused on their goal and always have strategies and plans to the desired result.



Inspirational

Make people want to do their best! If you have an uninspired team then reaching a goal is going to be complicated. Good leaders push others to do their best and have resources for them to do so.





**Leadership is the capacity to
translate vision into reality.**

Warren Bennis

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