

What is Tribes?



Tribes is not :

- * a program
- * a curriculum
- * a set of cooperative lesson plans
- * a series of energizers

It is...

- * a belief, a state of being, an attitude and a process that incorporates the intentional development of a positive culture to promote human growth and learning
- * consistent expectations for all — the agreements
- * interactive learning environment
- * student focused - "the whole child"
- * research based
- * based on relationships
- * flexible and responsive

Tribes Mission

"To ensure the healthy development of every child so that each has the knowledge, skills and resiliency to be successful in a rapidly changing world."

Tribes Connections

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| ▪ Brain Theory | ▪ Curriculum Delivery | ▪ Developmental Assets |
| ▪ Multiple Intelligences | ▪ Social Skills | ▪ Annual Learning Plans |
| ▪ Stages of Human Development | ▪ High Expectations for All | ▪ School Effectiveness |
| ▪ Equity Education | ▪ Caring Relationships | ▪ Goal Setting |
| ▪ Cooperative Learning | ▪ Resiliency | ▪ Effective Assessment |
| ▪ Conflict Resolution | ▪ Safe School | ▪ Character Education |
| ▪ Decision Making/Problem Solving | ▪ DPA | ▪ Community Connection |
| ▪ Constructivism | ▪ BMS | ▪ Learning Skills |

Tribes isn't another add on...it is the framework in which everything else fits!

The Benefits of Tribes:

Students:

- * actively participate in learning
- * learn to communicate and work well with others
- * value diversity and differences
- * assume responsibility for own behavior
- * develop critical thinking and collaborative skills
- * improve sense of self worth
- * higher degree of mastery of academics

Parents:

- * children like school
- * positive behavior carries over into home life
- * strengthening protective factors to foster child's resiliency
- * more involvement with the school and their child's education

Teachers:

- * spend more time facilitating curriculum activities rather than behavior management
- * more time for creative instruction
- * students retain more - see it, hear it, do it, feel it, connect with it
- * enjoy teaching even more!!!

Tribes is a journey. It doesn't mean that all Tribes classrooms will be "perfect." The bumps in the road are part of the learning and the growth.

Course Details:

- * 24 hour course * everyone needs a text
- * usually run over the course of 4 days
- * modified formats are possible
- * Basic Course - general all grade levels
- * Middle School and Secondary only courses are also an option