

# What House are You In?!?



Respect  
Loyalty  
Responsibility  
Honesty



Friendship  
Caring  
Compassion  
Self-Control



Creativity  
Courage  
Ambition  
Strength



Service  
Valor  
Community  
Wisdom

We are so excited to continue the tradition of our 4 houses of character at Gateway Elementary School. This is a school wide initiative inspired by the nationally recognized and awarded Ron Clark Academy.

## What are “Houses”?

All students, staff and faculty members belong to a “house”. Each house represents character traits that all Gateway family members are encouraged to embrace and embody. Students will be assigned a house at the beginning of their Gateway career. Students remain in the same house year after year. Students will work together with their house families (students and teachers from all grades) to create bonds, mentor and support one another. This is not about competition but about supporting everyone. The house members will participate in team building activities like creating cheers, special handshakes, and songs. Students will also have “house” meetings with their grade levels and quarterly all house members will participate in spirit days and pep rallies. The houses are listed below, ***each house is represented by a color and an animal. On spirit days we encourage students to wear their house color.***

**Integrity House**- Color: Yellow // Animal: Lion

**Perseverance House**- Color: Purple // Animal: Panther

**Peace House**- Color: Green // Animal: Bear

**Leadership House**- Color: Orange // Animal: Eagle

## Why do we have Houses and how can students earn points?

While our main goal is to encourage and teach character traits of good citizens, we also will have fun activities like earning house points. Students will be able to earn house points from any staff or faculty member at Gateway for actions like compassion, integrity, leadership, honesty, and perseverance. Students can earn points during all times of the day and the points awarded go towards the House Point Totals. The goal is to teach students that even the smallest act can have an impact and together many small acts combined make our school and world a wonderful place.

## What is done with house points?

Every quarter, house points for the whole school will be totaled and the house with the most points will get to participate in a house party! All students will get to participate in events like pep rallies and spirit days. We are so excited to show students how hard work and dedication helps to build a better school community.

## How can parents help?

Talk to your child! Encourage them when they have setbacks and congratulate them on their success. Talk about character traits with them and what those traits look like in your home (helping with chores, using words when you're upset, holding the door for someone, etc.)