

Whitesboro Bearcat Band

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Persistence is continuing to give it your best, work your hardest, and be the most positive *no matter what!* In the rain, in the heat, when you're tired, when you don't really understand, when it seems *everyone else is griping*, **WHENEVER**, no matter what!

Responsibility means doing your job and more. Don't leave it for someone else. Do it! (Pick it up, turn it off, carry it in, throw it away, help, clean it up, turn it in *on time*, be on time, put it away, do it right the first time, don't say "shut up" or "stupid," don't try to "get away with it," do the right thing!) Take responsibility for your own behavior, your own marching, your own playing, your own stuff, and more. Then help others take responsibility for themselves by encouraging them.

Integrity means taking responsibility all the time, even when no one is looking. Integrity is standing up for what you believe, doing the right thing when you are alone, complete honesty. It also means not being negative and cutting down others, but realizing that you are all in the same position and must work together to be positive and encourage each other to do your best!

Dedication is to be the best you can be for yourself, but also for the group. Dedicated to work together, cooperate, and encourage. It means to be selfless, not selfish, and put the needs of the group before your own needs and wants.

Effort is just plain old sweat. It means to work hard the complete rehearsal, plus work hard to play your music the best you can by practicing outside of rehearsal. It means to take notes on changes and corrections so you don't forget. It means to not just do what you have been doing, but to give extra – whatever you can think of to make the band better and better and better!!!