

# **Hip Hop Re:Education Project's - 6 Pillars**

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1. **Rock the Cipher** - We are a community of artists, fans, teachers, students, activists and organizers dedicated to excellence in Hip Hop's many Ciphers (e.g, artistic, intellectual, political, etc.). To *Rock the Cipher* one must embrace communication, collaboration, the art of improvisation, and community/family/crew.
2. **Rep the Code** – One who wishes to master any of Hip Hop's artistic elements must respect and study the pioneers and legends who have come before and learn the laws/rules of one's discipline. In that same vein, we commit ourselves to successfully meeting the many other responsibilities in our lives (e.g., school, work, personal). To *Rep the Code* one must embrace tradition, responsibility, professionalism, critical reflection and practice.
3. **Walk Your Path** - Though responsible for learning the code of one's discipline/job/vocation, everyone has a unique path to follow. And therefore, measuring one's success by the success of others is a fruitless endeavor. One must stay true to oneself, follow one's dreams and take charge of one's own self-actualization. To *Walk Your Path* means to embrace change, growth, the power of telling one's story and learning from mistakes.
4. **Carry a Passport** – We are committed to being global citizens. We work to develop a critical and transformative perspective that is driven by a world-view. We commit to having a passport at all-times and traveling both nationally and internationally. To *Carry a Passport* one must be open-minded, try new things and learn from different peoples and cultures.
5. **Shine the Light** – In the spirit of the Griot, we must also be archivists, historians, scholars—the living libraries of our craft and culture. Our goal is to educate and learn from others. Through education, we reconnect with our humanity and become freer individuals. Therefore as artists, we are dedicated to creating work that exposes truth and fights for social justice. To *Shine the Light* one must embrace honesty, research, literacy, equality, justice and activism.
6. **Share the Love** – We practice Hip Hop for the love. We are committed to creating and teaching for this love and about this love. As warriors in the struggle, we understand and embrace our own value and the value of every human being. To *Share the Love* one must embrace mentorship, joy proliferation, compassion, laughter, faith and a light-hearted sense of self.