



MISSION

Waterford Public Schools is a community of learners that fosters and supports high aspirations, ensuring every student acquires the skills and knowledge necessary to be a responsible citizen, prepared to contribute and succeed in an ever-changing world.

In support of this Mission, we believe:

- Education is a collaborative responsibility requiring a partnership among the individual, family, school system, and community.
- Safety, integrity, and respect are critical to support success for all learners.
- The greatest potential for learning occurs when an individual's social, emotional, and academic needs are met.
- Student growth and achievement are enhanced when curiosity, creativity, and continuous improvement are valued by all members of the learning community.
- Evidence and information are the foundation of sound decision-making.

ACADEMIC, SOCIAL AND CIVIC SKILLS

ACADEMIC

- **Communicate effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.**
- **Acquire, understand, evaluate, synthesize and apply information.**
- **Use critical and creative thinking to find and solve authentic problems.**
- **Construct and defend arguments based on evidence.**
- **Demonstrate digital fluency and purposeful application of tools for learning.**

SOCIAL

- **Demonstrate behavior that adheres to established standards of conduct and reflects integrity and fairness.**
- **Recognize, respect, and value individual, cultural, and racial diversity.**
- **Engage productively in self-directed independent and collaborative endeavors.**

CIVIC

- **Participate in activities that foster citizenship, the democratic process, and community awareness.**
- **Share in the responsibility for the mental and physical safety of themselves and others.**