

EDUCATIONAL MISSION

The mission of the Portsmouth City Public Schools is to educate all students to meet high academic standards and to prepare all students for responsible citizenship.

To fulfill this mission, the School Board adheres to the following:

- A safe learning environment that stimulates intellectual curiosity, develops positive personal qualities and well being, fosters respect for individual differences, encourages and welcomes parental involvement, and emphasizes high expectations for student achievement and behavior.
- The foundation of the school system shall be a strong and rigorous general education program that emphasizes a dynamic environment for reading, writing, speaking, thinking, mathematics, social studies, science, foreign language, technology and the arts. The program shall support a rigorous core curriculum that is enriched with a wide range of non-core subjects and activities and that accommodate individual students, and local, state or national priorities.
- Excellence of education is highly dependent upon the ability of the classroom teacher and upon the quality of administrative and parental support of the teacher's task. Therefore, the Board pledges the resources of the school division to the cultivation of an effective teacher climate.
- Schools, teachers, administrators, programs, students and curricula shall be subject to regular, measurable and quantifiable assessment to ensure student achievement.
- The school system's comprehensive education program shall be developed with parent and community participation.

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