



Newton Public Schools Mission and Core Values

Mission

To educate, prepare, and inspire all students to achieve their full potential as lifelong learners, thinkers, and productive contributors to our global society.

Core Values

The following Core Values are guiding principles for the Newton Public Schools. These values represent how we want to “live” within our school communities. Core Values are for children and adults to embrace, internalize, model and live by. They are an expression of what is deep and enduring in our school system.

- **Excellence:**

We will:

- Set high expectations and standards for all students and staff
- Educate the whole child by striving for excellence in academic, artistic, physical, interpersonal and vocational pursuits
- Inspire a lifelong love of learning in students and staff

- **Innovation:**

We will:

- Be a recognized leader in education and curriculum development
- Foster inventiveness, open-mindedness, critical thinking, creativity and collaborative problem-solving in our students and staff
- Continuously assess and improve our teaching and learning

- **Respect:**

We will:

- Create an environment where everyone feels known, safe, and valued
- Recognize the uniqueness and dignity of individuals of differing races, religions, classes, ethnicities, sexual orientations, learning styles and abilities
- Build upon the strengths of our diverse community

- **Responsibility:**

We will:

- Foster an environment in which all students and adults take responsibility for their individual and collective behavior
- Create a culture of collaboration, collegiality and honest communication
- Cultivate citizens who contribute to and care about their community and the world