

A POLICY STATEMENT OF
THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
New Cumberland, West Virginia 26047

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Hancock County Board of Education recognizes that the primary purpose of its public schools is to provide a basic educational program, with quality instruction, from which all students may acquire academic, social, and vocational skills to their maximum potential. Each child should be provided with a stimulating environment and opportunities for learning experiences designed to promote intellectual and behavioral development that will effect continuing personal growth and satisfactory adjustment to life.

The Board believes that it has a shared commitment with parents and institutions of the community to provide an appropriate comprehensive educational program which focuses on the uniqueness and special needs of all students as individuals. Together, they should reinforce desirable moral, spiritual, and ethical values which develop competent, responsible, self-sufficient, and worthwhile citizens. Our programs should stress the importance of cultivating receptivity to change and firmly implanting a lifelong commitment to learning in order to foster, and ultimately achieve, individual responsibility and independence in our dynamic, democratic and technological society.

It is the intent of the Board that this philosophy serve as a foundation for developing system-wide objectives for administrative and classroom leadership with vision and qualifications for promoting the attainment of a quality educational program.

Furthermore, the Hancock County School System declares its commitment to a quality education.

The Hancock County Schools Core Beliefs are that:

1. Education is a partnership among home, school, and the community. Communication among all three is vital for children to achieve success in school.
2. Parents are their child's primary role model, but recognize that the child's education is everyone's responsibility.
3. Every child has value and that a school culture that promotes the worth of every student is fundamental for learning.
4. Our schools must operate in a safe, orderly climate that is conducive to learning for all.
5. All schools must have strong leaders who are committed to excellence and continuous improvement.
6. The curriculum must set high expectations and be rigorous, relevant and challenging.
7. Schools must be supportive of change and innovation to meet the demands of a changing society.
8. All children must be afforded the opportunity to learn and to succeed.
9. Students must develop lifelong learning skills to become productive members of society.

Mission Statement

Hancock County Schools' mission is *to afford all students the academic and social skills necessary to become productive members of society.*

Goals

1. Students will be academically prepared for further educational endeavors (college, technical school.)
2. Students will be technically employable in a global economy.

3. Students will be socially aware, responsible and accountable.
4. Students will be healthy citizens (i.e., fitness awareness, community health issues, wellness.)
5. Students will be functionally literate.
6. All students will meet or exceed state academic standards.
7. All students will graduate high school.

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