

Howard Elementary School

MISSION STATEMENT

Staff, students, and families encouraging the joy of learning, the value of cooperative accomplishment, and the optimism of future success. Our goal: every student achieving high academic standards while becoming lifelong learners able to contribute to our local and global communities.

VISION STATEMENT

We believe that the most promising strategy for achieving the mission of our school is to develop our capacity to function as a professional learning community. We envision a school in which staff:

- Believe in the core values of perseverance, honesty, kindness and compassion.
- Believe all children have the capacity to learn and achieve at the highest level
- Believe in caring for kids (both academically & social/emotionally) is a TEAM effort. We are ALL on the team!
- Cultivate a love of learning
- Create for students a sense of purpose in learning and knowledge that they matter in this world.

COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS *DRAFT

- We will collaborate regularly on student outcomes, instructional strategies, and best practices, keeping in mind self care and team building, sharing successes and failures
- We will teach the whole child (academically, socially, and emotionally), providing activities that are relevant and meaningful.
- We will view all students as “our kids,” being warm and welcoming to promote a sense of community in our classrooms/school.
- We will hold students to high expectations and provide support to all students to reach their individual potential.
- We will build strong relationship with each student and celebrate uniqueness and strengths by celebrating student success.

