

Westerly Public Schools

... a place where learning has no limits and academic excellence is measured one child at a time.

Preamble

The education provided through our local public schools seeks to enable all students to become lifelong learners and responsible, productive members of society. A successful educational process includes not only academic instruction but also student development of marketable job skills and positive behaviors and attitudes towards honesty, hard work, family, environment, modesty, civility, wellness, and country. To these ends, students are expected to observe and demonstrate responsible student conduct and attitudes while at school or at school related activities, whether or not on campus. This policy, along with other policies and regulations or rules, helps create and sustain a healthy, safe and effective learning environment for everyone; promotes a school atmosphere with a concentrated focus on formal educational studies, as well as educationally-related development of mutual respect, pride, self-esteem and cohesiveness; reinforces community values and positive regard for authority and discipline; minimizes distraction and assists students in readying themselves for employment by advancing their mature transition from the world of school to the world of work.

Core Beliefs:

- 1. Learning is the heart and soul of what we do*
- 2. All children are unique individuals with special gifts and talents*
- 3. Teaching is hard work in an organization where all children are expected to learn at high levels*
- 4. All people in the organization, both children and adults, should be valued and respected*
- 5. Risk taking, problem solving and creativity are traits we embrace*
- 6. The community is our "customer" and their ideas and opinions are listened to and acted upon*

School Committee Vision Statement

To provide opportunities in a safe and supportive environment for all students to learn and become productive model citizens able to meet high performance standards.

School Committee Goals:

- 1. Support Excellence in Student Performance*
- 2. Recruit, Retain and Develop Quality Staff*
- 3. Improve and Maintain the Westerly School Facilities*
- 4. Develop and Implement Comprehensive Financial Strategy*
- 5. Fully Engage Parents and Community*