

MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSAD NO. 47)

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The Messalonskee School District (MSAD NO. 47) promises to help each child entrusted to its care become a well-adjusted, informed, productive, and responsible citizen of the world community.

To this end, the district's educators, parents, and citizens are committed to offering a liberal education built on a flexible, integrated curriculum which not only stresses the basic tools of learning and respects the integrity of the traditional disciplines, but also emphasizes the application of these tools and the interrelations of subject areas.

We believe that each student must be assisted in acquiring a high level of literacy which reflects a strong foundation of knowledge, skills, and attitudes; promotes life-long learning; and facilitates adaptation to change. Rapidly evolving technologies and an increasingly complex society require that students learn a sophisticated common body of knowledge and skills. This foundation of learning is the key to adaptability in the face of change. It should take precedence over early specialization.

We believe it is the responsibility of the district to challenge each student to achieve the fullest potential, to develop a positive self-image, to appreciate the uniqueness of self, and to recognize the value of other individuals. Furthermore, the district must help each student to stretch personal aspiration, while developing intellectual curiosity. Towards these ends, we are committed to promoting opportunities for success for all students.

As a graduate of our educational program, each person should be able to:

demonstrate an ability to solve problems;

communicate effectively in writing and orally;

research, analyze, and use information appropriately;

appreciate aesthetic aspects of world cultures through art and music;

recognize and practice healthful living;

understand the fragility of our environment; and

make responsible decisions that contribute to the common good, our democratic ideals, and global interdependence.

Upon graduation, Messalonskee students should leave fully capable of competing and interacting successfully in the world community, while also pursuing a satisfying quality of life and contributing to the general betterment of others.

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