

MESSALONSKEE HIGH SCHOOL MISSION AND STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Messalonskee High School is a center of excellence where students engage collaboratively with highly committed staff members to focus on intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of each learner. The atmosphere is safe, nurturing, and exciting. Every student has the resources and personal support necessary to reach his or her personal best. The students, staff, and community place a premium on high achievement in all activities and emphasize the development of critical and creative thinking skills. All students are encouraged to develop intellectual curiosity, make responsible decisions, and become life-long learners.

To achieve this end, Messalonskee High School:

- enjoys a mutually supportive relationship with its community and continually honors and builds on that partnership. Community members, local agencies, businesses, and service organizations sponsor activities through which students learn the value of responsible citizenship, volunteerism, and community service. Families work with the school as full partners in supporting students to develop and realize meaningful personal goals, meet high standards of ethical conduct, and develop as life-long learners. (*Partners in learning*)
- takes a proactive role as a member of the global community. Students and staff together learn to adapt to an increasingly complex world. Each learner develops a strong sense of his or her own self-worth, a respect for the intrinsic value of every person, and a sense of responsibility for global stewardship. (*Personal and global stewardship*)
- maintains state-of-the-art facilities and technologies that provide a broad range of instructional resources. Comprehensive programs encourage the integration of intellectual, artistic and athletic skills in a physically and emotionally safe environment. (*State-of-the-art facilities & programs*)
- values and nurtures an atmosphere of mutual respect, honesty, open communication, and shared commitment to excellence among all members of the school community. All members of the school community are celebrated and supported for their ongoing contributions to students' success. (*Collaborative culture*)

Academic Expectations

Students will meet their individual goals and become independent learners through successful achievement in:

- reading,
- communication,
- problem solving, and
- numeracy

Social Expectations

- students will assume responsibility for their actions and accept the rewards and/or consequences.
- students will respect themselves and others; treat others as they would like to be treated.
- students will peacefully manage and resolve conflict.

Civic Expectations

- students will know and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- students will contribute to the well-being of the family, school, local, and global communities: become productive members of society.