

HARVARD EDUCATIONAL PLAN

COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS FOR EDUCATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The Harvard Public Schools are dedicated to giving every student the opportunity and means to acquire essential and applicable knowledge in the content areas, and command of the critical reasoning and higher order thinking skills requisite for problem-solving, research, and continuous learning. Complementary to its focus on students as learners, the schools are committed to helping students develop the interpersonal skills necessary for working effectively and cooperatively with others and to become responsible school, community, and world citizens. In support of the realization of this mission, the schools will embody the community's standards and expectations.



WHAT WE WANT OUR BROMFIELD GRADUATES TO KNOW AND BE ABLE TO DO

USE CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

All students will

- be able to define problems, collect and analyze data, synthesize concepts and draw conclusions
- demonstrate the ability to formulate projects on which to conduct and present research

COMMUNICATE CLEARLY

All students will

- be able to communicate ideas through such media as oral and written language and the fine arts
- defend ideas and refine them by offering and receiving constructive criticism

MASTER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SKILLS

All students will

- demonstrate computer literacy
- respect and apply ethics and etiquette of technology
- apply critical use of technology and information
- demonstrate familiarity with library organization
- demonstrate knowledge of the categories into which information falls
- demonstrate ability to discriminate among sources of information

DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE: CONTENT AND PROCESS

All students will

- demonstrate knowledge in the following areas
 - literacy and numeracy
 - scientific methods of inquiry
 - world languages
 - fine arts

- social sciences such as economics, history and geography
- natural sciences such as biology, chemistry, physics
- literature

DEMONSTRATE SKILLS FOR A HEALTHY, FISCALLY PRUDENT LIFE

All students will

- demonstrate skills for a healthy, prudent and responsible living based on sound, accurate information emphasizing
 - physical exercise
 - responsible sexual behavior
 - good nutrition
 - avoidance of substance abuse
 - behaviors which contribute to good mental health
 - sound personal financial practices

BE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

All students will

- demonstrate self respect and tolerance of others
- acquire knowledge and skills to become an involved, responsible citizen of the community and world

ACQUIRE INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

All students will

- acquire the interpersonal skills that will enable them to be effective team members
- understand and respect others whose ideas or culture are different
- resolve conflicts peacefully

DEMONSTRATE GOOD CHARACTER AND A SENSE OF VALUES

All students will

- be honest
- treat others with respect and sensitivity
- accept responsibility for their own behavior