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## **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

In today's society our children are continuously excited by new and challenging stimuli; adaptability to change therefore becomes a paramount objective of learning.

The mastery of basic skills is essential to our children as they prepare to function as responsible individuals. Children must also know how to direct their own learning by mastering the skills of independent inquiry, because circumstances do not enable us to predict with certainty just what today's children will need to know when they become tomorrow's adults. The optimum environment should be sought so that all children can develop physically and emotionally and acquire the information, academic skills, critical judgment, and creativity needed to lead to a better understanding of themselves, each other, and the world around them.

The school district must continually strive to create, implement, and improve programs that are compatible with appropriate curricula and provide opportunities for innovation in teaching and learning. If this is accomplished, children will then come to realize more fully their own potential as individuals and be better prepared to appreciate and act responsibly in the society in which they live.

## **MISSION**

Hull Public Schools provide a challenging and supportive learning environment to encourage all students to reach their greatest potential. We foster the growth of creative, curious, critical thinkers who are equipped to succeed as responsible, compassionate, and productive members of a diverse society.

## **VISION**

The Hull Public Schools, in partnership with our entire community, will nurture a culture of personal success, collaboration, and support. We will develop well-rounded, enthusiastic learners and leaders who think critically and innovatively while mastering the essential skills to advance in and contribute positively to our diverse and changing world.

## CORE VALUES Pirate PRIDE

Partnership with families and community
Rigorous, comprehensive academic and social emotional curriculum
Inclusive and respectful culture for all
Dedication to a safe and secure learning environment
Essential skills for success in a 21st century global society

The Hull Public Schools shall maintain a safe and nurturing educational environment where students and patrons can meet and recreate without fear. The Hull Public Schools will not tolerate violence or injury to staff or students, nor will weapons or drugs and alcohol be tolerated at any school activity or on any school district property. The Hull School Committee policies pertaining to school safety and student discipline shall be fairly and firmly enforced, criminal misconduct shall be reported to the proper law enforcement authority, and school district staff shall cooperate with any subsequent criminal prosecution. The provisions of M.G. L. 71:37H & 71:37L, prohibiting firearms on school property shall be strictly enforced.

Note: this policy combines and replaces old policies AD-Education Philosophy, ADA-School District Goals and Objectives and ADD-Safe Schools Policy

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