MISSION

Waterford Public Schools is a community of learners that fosters and supports high aspirations, ensuring every student acquires the skills and knowledge necessary to be a responsible citizen, prepared to contribute and succeed in an ever-changing world.

In support of this Mission, we believe:

- Education is a collaborative responsibility requiring a partnership among the individual, family, school system, and community.

- Safety, integrity, and respect are critical to support success for all learners.

- The greatest potential for learning occurs when an individual’s social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

- Student growth and achievement are enhanced when curiosity, creativity, and continuous improvement are valued by all members of the learning community.

- Evidence and information are the foundation of sound decision-making.
Graduates of Waterford High School demonstrate mastery of the WPS Transferable Skills:

**Communication**
- Listen actively to understand the information or viewpoints presented.
- Select and use an appropriate method of communication to fit the audience, context, and purpose.
- Create a logical and evidence-based argument to support ideas.
- Deliver a clear, professional, and effective presentation.

**Research and Understanding**
- Use appropriate research tools to acquire information from a variety of sources.
- Evaluate the bias and validity of information.
- Synthesize information to solve problems and defend claims.

**Critical Thinking**
- Identify a problem, ask key questions, and make predictions.
- Analyze data in order to draw conclusions.
- Demonstrate flexibility and determination when solving problems.

**Responsible Citizenship**
- Demonstrate respect for others and diverse cultures, identities, and perspectives.
- Make appropriate choices with words, actions, and mindset to address the needs of self and others.
- Take actions that promote ethical principles and equality.
- Use technology ethically to promote positive, reliable, and factual information.

**Self-Direction**
- Persevere through frustration when challenging situations or temporary failures arise.
- Demonstrate flexibility, resourcefulness, and collaboration.
- Recognize how thoughts, feelings, and actions affect achievement.
- Set goals, prioritize steps, and take actions to achieve them independently.