

Pomperaug Pride

Core Values and Beliefs

Students, staff, parents and community members characterize the Pomperaug experience in one word more often than any other: pride. In our classrooms, on our campus and in our greater community, we take pride in our commitment to the following values:

- In our classrooms, we are committed to fostering academic excellence, independent and self-reflective thinking, and a curiosity to pursue lifelong learning in a 21st Century world.
- On our campus, we are committed to promoting respect, maximizing opportunities for personal expression, and facilitating a positive school culture.
- In our community, we are committed to developing responsible, active, and accountable citizens.

At Pomperaug High School, we believe that all students can grow as learners, build and enhance community, and conduct themselves with integrity.

Learning Expectations

The Pomperaug High School community expects that students will meet academic, social and civic requirements through the pursuit of our 21st Century expectations for student learning:

The PHS student demonstrates effective **communication** by interpreting language, revising ideas and positions relative to new understandings, and conveying facts, ideas, emotions, and concepts relevant to purpose and audience.

The PHS student demonstrates **critical thinking** by approaching topics with a healthy skepticism, pursuing solutions to challenging questions or problems, considering alternative perspectives, and conceptualizing, synthesizing, and evaluating information and experiences as a framework for belief and action.

The PHS student demonstrates **innovation** by exhibiting a sense of wonder and curiosity, an internal motivation to push boundaries and take risks, perseverance in the face of failure, and a capacity for producing novel ideas and products.

The PHS student demonstrates **global citizenship and ethics** by honoring the dignity and rights of all people, responding to the needs of the local community and beyond, showing an understanding of the social, cultural, political, environmental, and economic issues faced by citizens of the world, respecting the intellectual and physical property of others, making thoughtful decisions, and accepting responsibility for one's own actions.

PHS Expectations for Student Learning

