

Waterbury Career Academy High School

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Family-School Compact for Achievement

DISTRICT MISSION, VISION AND CORE VALUES

MISSION:
The mission of Waterbury Public School District is to inspire and prepare every student to be successful in and beyond school.

VISION:

ALL Waterbury Public Schools students will graduate ready to transform their world.

CORE VALUES:

- Holds high expectations for excellence in teaching and learning.
- Promotes equity in policy, practice and resources.
- Provides students a quality learning experience aligned to our Portrait of a Graduate.
- Acts as stewards for community resources and managing our assets to ensure equity and excellence.
- Recognizes that meaningful relationships are the foundation of a high-quality education.
- Committed to embracing a diverse community.
- Committed to civility, honesty, responsibility and transparency.

OUR LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Waterbury Career Academy graduates are:

Academic:

Fluent in Technology: We utilize technology for research, communication, and career readiness.
Critical Thinkers: We analyze and solve problems, make decisions, and reflect on results.
Effective Communicators: We read, write and speak appropriately for task and purpose.
Self-directed Learners: We seek knowledge and extend learning independently.

Civic:

Community Contributors: We demonstrate responsible citizenship and leadership.
Active Participants: We join school and community clubs, support community events, and serve as mentors.
Responsible Users of Technology: We practice fair, appropriate and empathetic use of social media and other technologies.

Social:

Collaborative Workers: We seek others to help accomplish goals.
Reflective Listeners: We present trust and understanding in personal interactions.
Humble Achievers: We practice modesty and humility in all actions

OUR MISSION

In a welcoming, safe environment, in collaboration with the school community, Waterbury Career Academy will provide a challenging, student-driven, self-reflective education ensuring all students acquire STEM-based career skills, college readiness, and the traits and habits of responsible global citizenship.

Students will develop and display:

SPARTAN HONOR

Honest: Hold self and others to the highest academic, social and civic standards of truth.

Organized: Prioritize tasks, store information, and manage time effectively.

Noble: Maintain professionalism, demonstrate integrity, and present a strong work ethic.

Optimistic: Have high expectations and maintain a positive attitude.

Respectful: See the value in differences and treat each other with fairness, compassion, and under- standing.

IN THE CLASSROOM

- Teachers will plan and deliver high quality, standards aligned, engaging lessons in their classes.
- Teachers will set a specific time in their day to provide feedback to students as they progress in their learning.
- Teachers will regularly update PowerSchool with attendance and academic performance information.

AT HOME

- Communicate any questions, concerns or ideas to teachers, administrators and staff.
- Regularly check PowerSchool for academic and attendance updates.

STUDENTS

- Will actively engage in the various learning formats offered their teachers.
- Communicate effectively with teachers, staff, coaches, administrators and peers.
- Submitting assignments on time to meet deadlines.
- Maintain a growth–mindset.
- Advocate for themselves.
- Uphold the Spartan HONOR at all times.







COMMUNICATION

Waterbury Career Academy is committed to communicating regularly with families about their children's learning and progress. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate to you are as follows:

- ParentSquare
- PowerSchool
- Monthly newsletters/calendars
- Phone
- Email
- Social Media Accounts

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS?

Parents and guardians can contact their child's teacher by phone, email or ParentSquare . Phone numbers and email addresses can be found via PowerSchool, ParentSquare or on the school website.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Family-School Compact for Achievement is an agreement among parents, students and teachers.

Together they will work to ensure that all students get the support they need to reach and exceed standards.
For more information on the compact, please contact: Keisha Punter **kpunter@waterbury.k12.ct.us**