Stonington High School
Statement of Core Values, Beliefs, And Learning Expectations

The mission of Stonington High School is to foster a lifelong pursuit of learning in a challenging, motivating, and engaging environment. Upon graduation our students will possess a working plan for post-high school life and become responsible and productive citizens in the 21st century global society.

Our core values include and emphasize:
• Personal Responsibility
• Respect for self and others
• Tolerance for others and their opinions
• Technological literacy
• Partnerships among students, staff, and the community

Our beliefs about learning include and inform our instructional practices:
• Students learn best when they
  o Participate actively
  o Work together to learn
  o Construct knowledge
  o Engage in authentic experiences
  o Reflect/self-assess/set goals
  o Connect what they are learning to the world
  o Can talk to their teachers and each other
  o Get timely and meaningful feedback
• Teachers teach best when they
  o Collaborate and communicate effectively
  o Use multiple strategies based on content and student needs
  o Encourage independent thinking and innovation
  o Create a positive, respectful learning environment
  o Demonstrate they are learners who construct knowledge
  o Create meaningful, rigorous, relevant and increasingly complex work
  o Use varied assessments to make decisions about what and how they teach

Our 21st century expectations for learning for each student include:
• Communicate information clearly and effectively.
• Work independently and collaboratively to accomplish goals.
• Demonstrate innovation to solve problems and accomplish goals.
• Apply analysis, synthesis, and evaluative processes.
• Use digital technologies and other research tools to facilitate learning.
• Demonstrate civic and career readiness through responsibility, civic-mindedness, curiosity, and respect.

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