



District Vision Statement

The Pocantico Hills Central School District aspires to become the pride of the community where all students are empowered to excel to the highest academic standards guided by highly qualified professionals and dedicated citizens.

Guiding Principles

- 1. The Common Core Standards are only the first step toward academic achievement and student growth.**
- 2. Technology should be a tool that supports the growth of reasoning skills and critical thinking.**
- 3. Joyful and passionate teaching and learning should set the tone for our school environment.**
- 4. Collaborative teams must promote personal accountability, broad skill exposure, and cohort understanding and acceptance.**
- 5. Perseverance and determination are essential characteristics of student growth and should be fostered thoughtfully and with support.**
- 6. Community partnerships provide opportunities to promote communication and global awareness.**
- 7. A strong sense of ethics must ultimately come from within, and we must develop and nurture that growth.**

Essential Skills

The Pocantico Hills Central School District envisions a community of students, teachers and parents who partner to develop and support the skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century, including:

- 1. Self-Advocacy and Self-Direction**
- 2. Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving**
- 3. Communication, Relationships, and Socialization**
- 4. Global and Community Awareness**
- 5. Ethical Learning and Decision-Making**