

Vision Statement

The vision of the Willow Run Community Schools is to prepare students to excel in a global society.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Willow Run Community Schools is to provide the highest quality education for all students by:

- Offering a challenging and comprehensive curriculum
- Meeting the diverse intellectual, social, and emotional needs of each student
- Cultivating collaborative efforts between school, family and community partnerships
- Developing learning communities for continuous improvement that ensures academic achievement by providing the highest standards of instructional practice in every class, every day
- Being responsible and accountable for the public trust and resources

Core Beliefs

- Everyone in our district is a learner – students and adults alike.
- Learners are distinct and have responsibility for their own learning.
- Learning is a constructive process that occurs best when:
 - learning is relevant and meaningful
 - the learner is actively engaged in creating their own knowledge
 - the learner is using prior knowledge and experience.
- The curriculum is constructed with a focus on learning and ensures that students develop enduring understanding of important ideas and mastery of essential skills.
- The learning environment facilitates respectful interpersonal relationships and interactions, and ensures that each learner is included, appreciated and validated.
- We hold high expectations for every learner, and provide the scaffolding required to ensure success. The learner does not require “fixing”.
- Assessment of learning progress must allow for diversity in the demonstration of understanding and attainment of skills. Classroom assessments are used to inform and guide instructional decisions and to provide feedback to students and their parents on important learning goals.

- Parents are allies with school staff and have a right to expect mutual respect and academic and social growth for their children.
- Resources will be allocated to ensure the effective and full implementation of these guiding principles, including financial, human and others.

Guiding Principles

At the Willow Run Community Schools, children are our first priority and to that end, we are committed to the following Guiding Principles:

Accountability

We believe in:

one year academic growth for every student, every year – achieved through a partnership with teachers, parents and students

being fiscally responsible with district resources

offering a challenging and comprehensive curriculum that meets the diverse needs of every student

seeking continuous improvement by engaging in systematic evaluation

Continuous Improvement

We believe in:

a commitment to quality programs and services at every level

raising the bar and striving for improved levels of student achievement

using student achievement data to drive change where needed

designing co-curricular/extra-curricular programs to further enhance the development of skills and character of students

Effective Communication

We believe in:

being accessible

listening as well as speaking and making use of multiple communication strategies

the release of timely, accurate information that is relevant to parents, staff and the community at-large

Effective, Passionate Teaching

We believe in:

engaging, meaningful, diversified instruction every hour, every day for every student

in the use of established “Best Practices” in the delivery of instruction

in differentiated approaches to instruction so as to meet the individual needs of students at every level

Respect

We believe in:

the fair and equitable treatment of every individual

affirming and validating the cultural and ethnic diversity that exists within the district

ensuring that students are known well by the adults who teach them

Responsibility

We believe in:

Students

Proactive, engaged learning

completing all assigned tasks

Parents

providing support for the staff and administration so as to assist with the creation of a safe and orderly learning environment for students starting at home

Staff

teaching the adopted, core curriculum

using effective instructional practices to realize higher levels of student achievement for all students

accepting multiple obligations and having a sense of commitment to the entire school.