

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Hazleton Area School District is to provide a challenging and enriching education where all students achieve high academic standards in an inclusive environment, which will allow them to become informed, responsible, and productive citizens.

## **Shared Values**

We believe that integrity, mutual respect, compassion, and trust provide the foundation for a healthy learning community.

1. We believe that diversity is a strength that helps our students and staff embrace cultural differences, develop tolerance for differing viewpoints, and respect the differences that make each person unique.
2. We believe that educators, parents, students, and community members should work together to make school a place where students feel both physically and emotionally safe so that they will focus on learning.
3. We believe that the task of education is to provide a rigorous curriculum that will help students acquire the communication, problem solving, and critical thinking skills that will enable them to become lifelong learners.
4. We believe that schools are pathways for learning where students are challenged to reach their potential.
5. We believe that education should teach students how to think, not what to think.
6. We believe that school should be a place where students are guided in becoming both socially responsible and service oriented in order to become productive members of the community.
7. We believe that by making choices, transferring knowledge, and applying what students have learned, they must take an active role in their learning.
8. We believe that teaching students to use technology effectively as a tool for educational purposes, such as conducting research, sharing ideas, and working with others is essential in preparing students to be college and career ready.