



Mission and Core Beliefs

The Mission of the Falmouth Public Schools is to educate students so that they are engaged in their education in a way which develops their capacity to pursue their goals and fosters life-long learning.

In order to ensure success for all students, three core beliefs define us as a school system and enable us to accomplish our mission:

Continuous Improvement for Students, Teachers, Staff, and Administrators

We strongly believe in continuous improvement, and we achieve this through actions such as

- *clearly communicating learning standards and performance expectations which are personalized for learners*
- *assigning tasks that challenge learners to move to deeper and more complex levels of knowledge and understanding along a developmental path that is age-appropriate*
- *helping learners develop the self discipline to work hard and persist at assigned tasks*
- *helping learners feel empowered in the learning process through rigorous preparation.*

Enthusiasm for Teaching and Learning

We strongly believe in the enthusiasm for teaching and learning, and we achieve this through actions such as

- *supporting curiosity, inquiry, active learning, reflection, creativity and innovation*
- *fostering in teachers and learners the confidence it takes to accept new ideas*
- *helping teachers and learners overcome the challenges that sometime accompany learning.*

Collaboration in Teaching and Learning

We strongly believe in schools where collaboration is highly valued, teachers and learners feel safe, diversity in all its forms is celebrated as an asset, and we achieve this through actions such as

- *acting with integrity*
- *demonstrating honesty, responsibility, thoughtfulness, encouragement, and respect*
- *modeling the good citizenship and encouraging these goals from the greater educational Falmouth community including parents, volunteers, and community leaders.*