

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

PHILOSOPHY

MISSION

*Developing the whole student.
Achieving excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.*

VISION STATEMENT

We envision the community sharing responsibility for the development of goal-driven, fair-minded, respectful, and honest students, who appreciate life-long learning, who are mindful of the needs of others, and who embrace diversity.

Fairview High School provides an educational program that helps its students to develop the academic skills and personal qualities necessary to participate responsibly and intelligently in a democratic society. Our program attempts to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that are required for higher education and the world of work. The education that Fairview students receive should enable them to meet and understand the demands of a changing world. The faculty and administration strive to foster a climate in which creativity can flourish. The school encourages students to develop the physical and emotional well being that will allow them to become responsible parents. The school recognizes its responsibility to strive for effective communication between the school and the community. In addition, Fairview endeavors to foster lifelong intellectual curiosity

-OBJECTIVES-

- To assist students in achieving their potential in all academic areas.
- To encourage academic achievement and responsible behavior through self-discipline and high expectations.
- To encourage the efficient use and refinement of communication skills.
- To develop in students the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that are required for higher education and the world of work.
- To provide students with opportunities to develop into responsible citizens, in their personal, family, and community lives.
- To foster in students a respect for and a willingness to understand and appreciate others.
- To provide students with opportunities to develop leadership skills.
- To help students understand the problems of the changing world in which they live and to cope effectively with them.
- To guide students in setting realistic goals while in school and to help them establish direction for the future.
- To foster in students an appreciation of learning and a realization that education is a lifelong process.
- To foster in students an appreciation of creative expression in the arts and humanities.
- To develop in students their special talents in the sciences, mathematics, and technology.
- To encourage students to realize and develop their unique talents in a broad range of healthy leisure-time activities.
- To develop concepts that encourage an emotional and physical sense of well being that results in a desirable and safe life style.
- To strengthen communication between the school and the community.

TITLE IX STATEMENT

Fairview School District is an equal opportunity district and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504.

—OVERVIEW—

Excellence now and preparation for the future

Fairview High School prepares students for success following high school. The curriculum offers opportunities for highly competitive academic and general academic level work. Students desiring vocational-technical training are provided opportunities to augment their academic course work with curriculum offered by the Erie County Technical School.

The National College Board yearly commends FHS students for their academic excellence. The average SAT scores have been above the national norm for many years and are typically among the highest in the state. Technology at FHS provides students with an approximate student to computer ratio of 1:2 including five computer labs and many classrooms equipped with projectors, laptop computers for every student, and interactive white boards. All of our computers have internet access.

A number of classes and organizations include community service as part of their curriculum.

Our world language program offers extended field trips to foreign countries and the opportunity for foreign exchange students to become part of our student body.

Many Advanced Placement and honors courses are available for students, allowing them to challenge themselves and possibly to earn college credit. Regional Choice Initiative (RCI) classes are another opportunity for students to attend and receive credit for college courses.

The administration and faculty review and update curricula on a regular basis. Graduate course work, in-service training, and workshops offer staff the opportunities to enhance their teaching strategies. Seventy-five percent of the teaching staff holds at least a master's degree. The district has an exemplary staff with a commitment to providing a quality education for all students.

FHS offers a wide range of student activities including athletic teams that consistently win at district and regional competitions. We also offer the following academic competitions: Speech and Debate, Academic Decathlon, and math and science contests. Many students have represented our school at state and national competitions for these activities. Students may also participate in vocal and instrumental music concerts, as well as act in theatrical productions.

Our small size ensures an excellent student/teacher ratio and gives students great opportunity to take part in extracurricular activities. Over 50% of the student body is involved in these activities, and 86% of Fairview graduates attend institutions of higher learning.

ETHICS STATEMENT

The Fairview School District is a community of students, teachers, administrators, staff, Board of Directors, parents and Fairview residents. Together our mission is to empower ourselves to realize our potential for excellence, character growth, and responsible citizenship. Understanding that this mission can be achieved only through the cooperative efforts of the whole, we all must foster an environment where integrity, honesty, and responsibility prevail. Let us, then, pledge to do what is right and good because we respect others and ourselves.

THE FAIRVIEW SCHOOL COMMUNITY ETHICS PLEDGE

As a member of the Fairview School Community, I pledge to conduct myself at all times with honor, integrity and pride in myself, my family, my school, and my community. As a person of honor,

I will respect academic honesty in all my scholastic efforts. I will at all times strive to reach the highest academic achievement of which I am capable. I will **not** cheat, plagiarize, represent the work of others as my own, or allow others to copy my work.

I will respect others in all of my words and actions. I will treat teachers, staff, students, and community residents as I would want them to treat me. I will respect others' privacy, and I will not deprive them of their right to be happy and successful in the school community.

I will respect property. I will take pride in my campus and preserve its appearance. I will treat the property of others as private.

I will respect myself in everything I do. I understand that my academic work, my conduct with others, my attitude toward property, my personal honor, and the honor of my school community are my personal responsibility. I will uphold this code by observing it myself and by helping the school community to observe it, too. I understand that I have a responsibility to report violations of the honor code.

I will do the right thing because it is right.

Should I break this pledge, I recognize that consequences will follow.