

John Stark High School Core Values Statement:

We are a community of learners who engage our minds in the pursuit of individual academic growth, social awareness, and community involvement. Our learning occurs in a safe and caring environment with regard, respect, and integrity – this is the John Stark Way.

Beliefs About Learning:

We are committed to the following beliefs about learning:

- Each member of our learning community --- students, faculty, and staff --- is a lifelong learner;
- Each member of our learning community shares a collective responsibility for student learning and success;
- Literacy is the foundation of all learning;
- Integration and authentic application of knowledge, concepts, and skills improve student learning;
- Learning opportunities extend beyond the school day and beyond the four walls of the classroom and school; and
- Our learners have diverse needs, abilities, interests, and learning styles and this diversity is reflected in the school's curriculum, instructional and assessment practices, and co-curricular offerings.

21st Century Learning Expectations:

Academic Competencies

John Stark graduates will be able to...

- 1) Communicate effectively through written, oral, and artistic means.
- 2) Acquire knowledge through listening, reading, and viewing.
- 3) Demonstrate research skills that lead to informed decision-making and reasonable conclusions.
- 4) Use critical thinking to solve problems.
- 5) Apply technology to access information and to demonstrate learning.

Social Competencies

John Stark graduates will be able to...

- 1) Take responsibility for their own actions, practice respect and regard for self and others, and demonstrate integrity.
- 2) Work as part of a team and be comfortable in both leadership and supporting roles.
- 3) Make healthy choices to enhance the development of lifelong wellness practices.
- 4) Understand the value of becoming a lifelong learner.

Civic Competencies

John Stark graduates will be able to...

- 1) Appreciate diversity and respect all persons irrespective of their individual differences.
- 2) Participate responsibly in the school and greater community.
- 3) Be informed and involved citizens with an awareness of local, national, and global issues.

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