

# Shenendehowa

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

## Commitment to Excellence

A synergistic plan for quality education and continuous improvement

Defining HOW and WHY our students learn. Students learn best...

### Values & Beliefs

- when adults serve as active, positive role models
- when they are challenged, actively involved in learning and methods of instruction are responsive to their needs
- when personal responsibility for learning is cultivated and developed
- when the subject matter is relevant and taught by motivated and well-prepared staff
- when clear academic and behavioral expectations are communicated and understood
- when their individual strengths and efforts are encouraged and recognized, and specific and timely feedback on their performance is provided
- in a school community where respect, acceptance for differences, and civility are modeled by all
- when their families are encouraged to take an active, supportive role in their education and basic human needs (shelter, nutrition) are met
- in schools that are clean, well equipped, safe and conducive to learning
- when they know we care about them

### Mission:

*To work continuously and in partnership with the community to ensure that all students develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, abilities and character needed to live useful, productive and rewarding lives*

## Elementary Student

Defining WHAT our students must learn to live and lead in a global community

### Profile of a Shenendehowa

#### RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS

who demonstrate good character by practicing such things as respect, honesty, responsibility and caring for others.

#### SELF-DIRECTED LEARNERS

who understand, love and seek to learn.

#### CRITICAL AND INNOVATIVE THINKERS

who examine issues and find various ways to solve problems.

#### INVOLVED CITIZENS

who demonstrate the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to contribute positively to their community.

#### EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

who understand and express knowledge, thoughts and feelings about themselves and others.

#### COLLABORATIVE PARTICIPANTS

who work with others to accomplish goals and tasks; who work and play together respectfully.

#### GLOBALLY COMPETENT PERSONS

who value and respect the different creative expression of interests, talents and experiences of fellow students and the larger community.

#### INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA LITERACY CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS

who exhibit functional and critical thinking skills.