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MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION

The Board of Education recognizes that to govern effectively, it must clearly define why the district exists and what it aspires to be. The Board therefore adopts the following mission statement to convey the district's purpose, and vision to set forth what the district should strive to become in the future.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Schodack Central School District to develop our students to become "...active, reflective, creative learners. In our schools, they will engage in rewarding work and practice behaviors that are intelligent in both an academic and a practical sense. Students will develop the attitudes, skills and understandings that will allow them to fulfill their potential and to function successfully in their individual and social roles."

Vision

The Schodack Central School District offers a small nurturing setting that will expand the educational, cultural, and social opportunities for our children and adult citizens through the use of thought-provoking experiences, high-quality resources, and technology. The community will be engaged in the life of the schools and, in return, the schools will serve the community through the use of their facilities and resources. The quality of life will be enriched through access to adult education, college and job related educational opportunities, as well as social opportunities and supports. The whole community will proudly celebrate academic, cultural, competitive and social successes that stem from our schools. The resulting high quality of life will attract citizens who enjoy sharing their talents with neighbors and the school.

Students of Schodack Central will graduate with strong academic competencies from a challenging curriculum, and will have opportunities to earn credits from our educational partners. They will have learned to value societal and global diversity, communicate effectively, collaborate by working in teams, and demonstrate self-reliance and self-responsibility. They will develop lifelong learning skills grounded in their curiosity, creativity, and problem solving skills. Their citizenship skills will be enhanced through community and peer to peer service, and a commitment to civility. They will be prepared socially and ready to make healthy productive choices. Their exposure to technology and knowledge of how to use it will also prepare them for an ever-evolving future.

Schodack Central School District students will be nurtured and taught by passionate and caring teachers, staff, administrators and board members all of whom serve as good role models, in a district that is exemplary, innovative, community involved, and a valued asset to our entire greater community.

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<u>Cross-ref</u>: 0300, Accountability

4000, Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines

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