

## **Our Mission and Beliefs**

### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Mechanicsburg Area School District through the collaborative efforts of students, staff, parents, and the community is:

- to promote relentlessly the processes of acquiring and applying knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for all students to become lifelong learners;
- to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students;
- to address the diversity of each student's needs; and
- to instill in every student the worthiness of being a self-disciplined, responsible, contributing member of a rapidly-changing global society.

### **We Believe**

- all students can succeed, if appropriate instructional practices are used and adequate support given.
- students need to use the processes of acquiring and applying knowledge, as well as learn factual information.
- the methods used to assess student performance determine what students and teachers view as important in the learning process.
- technology is very important as a vehicle for enhancing student learning and preparation for the world of work.
- education must be related to future career goals and provide students with the "tools" for lifelong learning.
- responsibility for education is shared by students, parents, teachers, administrators and the community.
- students must learn to work cooperatively in the learning process, as well as be competitive when appropriate.
- students learn in a variety of ways, therefore an assortment of instructional techniques must be used.
- the educational process should nurture student movement toward self-discipline, self-motivation, and self-direction.