

# PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## District Vision Statement

The Peekskill City School District strives to be a model City School district in a county, state and nation where high expectations and aspirations for student learning are rooted in excellence and accountability. Among the schools in Westchester County, Peekskill is regarded as a proud and diverse school district of choice. People move to the Peekskill City School District because of the value and quality of an educational program that is rich in real world cultural diversity.

Community members, district staff, parents, guardians and students have great pride and respect for the Peekskill City Schools. They can articulate the impact that the total educational and extra-curricular program has on the entire community. Our schools are safe, secure, and provide productive learning environments for all students.

Our schools are focused on empowering students to be self-directed lifelong learners and critical thinkers. There is a culture of professional learning, collegiality, and mutual respect that values creativity. Students are thinkers and their ideas are valued. Students see education as the key to their future. Students express their individuality and their diversity is embraced by all.

Our classrooms foster a love of learning. Students can explain how they are invested and engaged in their own learning. Our administrators, teachers and staff believe that student learning is the core mission of their work with a focus on the whole child. They possess a genuine sense of pride and ownership and bring forth their best every day.

We support each other and celebrate achievements and successes. Students come first and their parents are actively engaged in their education. Our goals and practice are infused in our daily conversations and work. Through shared leadership, all members of the school community take individual and collective responsibility for the success of our students and of the entire school district.

## District Mission Statement

The mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

## District Goals

1. Goal: By the year 2019, graduation rates will increase to 100% and all students (cohort 2014) will achieve grade level literacy by the end of grade 3.
2. Goal: By the year 2015, develop and implement district protocols to insure continuity and accountability of operations and procedures.
3. Goal: By February, 2014, build a cost effective appropriations true and transparent 2014-2015 Educational Plan and Budget that factors financial forecasting measures, enrollment, class sizes, mandated programs, capital and repair needs, transportation and any other cost efficiencies.