

Writing Philosophy and Program Goals

We believe students will be able to write for a variety of purposes and in a variety of formats.

- Students will be able to research.
- Students will be able to distinguish between different writing styles and forms.
- Students will be able to integrate technology into their writing.
- Students will be able to apply their writing skills into the various content areas.
- Students will be able to write appropriately for the intended audience.

We believe that writing is a dynamic, developmental process that creates meaning.

- Students will engage in the five step writing process-
- Students will be open to new forms of writing.
- Students will be grounded in the discipline of writing.
- Students will be confident in their abilities as a writer.

We believe that writing is a critical communication skill.

- Students will be able to set a purpose for writing.
- Students will be able to write using a variety of formats and genres.
- Students will be aware of their audience when writing.
- Students will be able to utilize the conventions of writing.
- Students will be familiar with the writing process; planning, first draft, editing, revision and publishing.

We believe students will become critical, independent writers exposed to meaningful experiences including making a connection between reading and writing.

- Students will be able to use a variety of literature, including expository texts, as a springboard for creative and informative writing purposes.
- Students will be able to share life experiences, thoughts, and feelings with others and apply them in writing.
- Students will be able to express the different perspectives of life experiences in writing.

We believe students learn to write by writing.

- Students will have demonstrated competence in writing in a variety of genres.
- Students will transfer their writing skills to all curricular areas.
- Students will utilize writing skills in their everyday lives.