

HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019



OUR MISSION

THE HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL PREPARE CONFIDENT AND RESILIENT GRADUATES WHO VALUE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, EMBRACE CHALLENGE, HONOR DIVERSITY, APPRECIATE COLLABORATION AND RESPECTFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR LOCAL AND WIDER-COMMUNITIES.

OUR VISION

THE HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS A PREMIER EDUCATIONAL CHOICE AND WIDELY KNOWN AS A BEST-PRACTICE MODEL FOR ACADEMIC GROWTH, HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION, INNOVATIVE AND EQUITABLE PROGRAMS, ENGAGEMENT, FACILITIES AND PERSONALIZED PATHWAYS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE-PREPAREDNESS IN OUR EVER-CHANGING, INTERCONNECTED GLOBAL SOCIETY.

DISTRICT GOAL #1

FOCUS AREA: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

THE HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT A RIGOROUS, RELEVANT AND RESPONSIVE CURRICULUM THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS, FOSTERS PERSONALIZED PATHWAYS FOR LEARNING, AND ENSURES CONTINUOUS ACADEMIC GROWTH.

DISTRICT GOAL #2

FOCUS AREA: EMPOWERED STAFF MEMBERS

THE HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL SUPPORT ITS DIVERSE STAFF IN PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, ENCOURAGE THEM TO SERVE AS ROLE MODELS, AND EMPOWER THEM TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION FOR OUR STUDENTS.

DISTRICT GOAL #3

FOCUS AREA: UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

THE HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE GLOBAL LEARNING, ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS, AND FOSTER THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND ACADEMIC GROWTH OF EACH STUDENT.

DISTRICT GOAL #4

FOCUS AREA: COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

THE HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL ENGAGE AND COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILIES AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY TO BRIDGE UNDERSTANDING AND ADVANCE PARTNERSHIPS.

DISTRICT GOAL #5

FOCUS AREA: FACILITIES

THE HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL OPERATE WELL-MAINTAINED AND SAFE FACILITIES THAT RESPOND TO OUR GROWING STUDENT ENROLLMENT, SUPPORT OUR ACADEMIC AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS, AND PROMOTE PRIDE ACROSS THE CITY.

HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WILL:

RECEIVE RIGOROUS INSTRUCTION THAT ENSURES

- COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS
- CAREER READINESS
- GLOBAL AWARENESS

ENGAGE IN RELATIONSHIPS THAT FOSTER

- ACADEMIC MINDSET
- CIVIC MINDSET
- EMPATHETIC MINDSET
- WELLNESS MINDSET

ENGAGE IN RELEVANT EXPERIENCES THAT BUILD

- PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS
- CREATIVE THINKING SKILLS
- CROSS-CULTURAL SKILLS
- TECHNOLOGY SKILLS
- COLLABORATION SKILLS
- PERFORMANCE-BASED SKILLS



SUMMER CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT ADVANCEMENTS

- **K-8 SCIENCE CURRICULUM (INTEGRATION OF LAB WRITING IN EACH UNIT)**
- **K-8 ELA CURRICULUM (ADDITION OF CORE NOVELS UNITS & WORD STUDY PROGRAM)**
- **K-8 SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM (PROJECT-BASED DESIGN WOVEN THROUGH CIVICS, ECONOMICS, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CULTURAL LITERACY BASED UNITS)**
- **K-12 MATHEMATICS (REVISIONS)**
- **NIGHT WRITES GUIDANCE DOCUMENT DEVELOPED**
- **BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS DASHBOARD DESIGNED**
- **K-5 INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING PATHWAYS CURRICULUM (ILP) CREATED**
- **6-8 JUNIOR PERSONAL GROWTH PERIOD (JPGP) OVERHAULED**
- **MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS OF STUDIES (UPDATED AND POSTED)**

K-5 INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING PATHWAYS (ILP) ENRICHMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SEMESTER ONE

- K – WHAT MAKES ME & MY FAMILY SPECIAL?
- 1 – 5 THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY
- 2 – WRITE, CREATE & ACT
- 3 – CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN
- 4 – MOCK TRIAL
- 5 – STUDIES IN GLOBAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM

SEMESTER TWO

- K – HOW HAVE I GROWN?
- 1 – EXPLORING ECONOMICS
- 2 – PASSPORT TO THE WORLD
- 3 – PROBLEM SOLVING, INVENTIONS & MARKETING
- 4 – GLOBAL PEN PALS
- 5 – INTRO TO JUNIOR MODEL UN

GRADE 6-8 JUNIOR PERSONAL GROWTH PERIOD (JPGP)

TWO DAY COURSES

- LAW ADVENTURE
- PHILOSOPHY & POETRY SLAM TROOP
- WRITING WARRIORS
- NEWSLETTER CREATIONS
- ODYSSEY OF THE MIND
- JUNIOR HARVARD MODEL CONGRESS & JUNIOR MODEL UN
- ENVIRONMENTAL CRUSADERS
- GEO-CHALLENGE PROJECT EXPLORATIONS
- ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING
- EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS (ELA & MATH)
- MATH & SCIENCE OLYMPIADS
- JOHNS HOPKINS CTY

ONE DAY COURSES

- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- MAKER SPACE CREATION & DESIGN
- PHOTOGRAPHY IN ACTION
- STATISTICS OF SPORTS
- STUDENT COUNCIL
- SAT & ACT READINESS
- NUTRITION & FITNESS TEAM
- ART CURATORS
- LIVING CLASSROOM STEWARDS
- MAGIC OF ELECTRONS (PLTW)
- ACADEMIC BEE & BOWL TEAM

OUR H.S. GLOBAL SCHOLARS TRAVEL THE WORLD

- **SPAIN 2016**
- **ITALY 2017**
- **ENGLAND 2018**
- **FRANCE 2018**
- **JAPAN 2019**
- **GREECE 2020**
- **GALAPAGOS ISLANDS 2021**
- **CHINA 2022**



FALL PASSPORT TO LEARNING CLASSES

- NATIONAL TREASURE HUNT
- TASTES AROUND THE WORLD
- FEEL BEAT
- INTRODUCTION TO RUGBY
- COMIC BOOK CREATION
- POP ART PRINTING
- CHESS
- ADVENTURE AT SEA
- DINOSAUR DISCOVERY
- WHIZ KIDS
- INVESTIGATING THE WORLD AROUND US
- SECRET AGENT LAB AND FUNKY FORENSICS
- JUMPING BEANS
- TECH FOR SUCCESS MATH
- YOGA & MINDFULNESS
- GREEN THUMB CLUB
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- FREE PLAY
- DINNER

M.S. FALL PASSPORT TO WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

- **CODITUM CODING**
- **OIL PAINTING**
- **TENNIS**
- **BAND**
- **THE COMMONS: OPEN GYM**
- **ROCK CLIMBING**
- **CHORUS**
- **JUNIOR THESPIANS**
- **CARDIO KICK BOXING**
- **GOLF**
- **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**
- **DINNER**

WEE PASSPORT PROGRAM

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER AT CALABRO SCHOOL, 524 PARK AVE, HOBOKEN, NJ
TIME: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

- **SEPTEMBER**

9/24 - YOGA MINDFULNESS & ME

- **OCTOBER**

10/8 - SING-ALONG DANCE PARTY

10/22 - FAIRY TALE THEATER

- **NOVEMBER**

11/12 - ART & CRAFTS CREATIONS

11/26 - STORY TIME

- **DECEMBER**

12/3 - YOGA MINDFULNESS & ME

12/17 - MUSIC MAKERS

- **JANUARY**

1/7 - BUDDING ARTISTS

1/27 - SING A SONG & DANCE ALONG

- **FEBRUARY**

2/4 - BROADWAY BOUND

2/18 - YOGA MINDFULNESS & ME

- **MARCH**

3/3 - FAIRY TALE THEATER

3/24 - SIGN & SING

- **APRIL**

4/7 - GYM TIME!

4/28 - ART & CRAFT CREATION

- **MAY**

5/5 - MUSIC MAKERS

5/19 - SIGN & SING

- **JUNE**

6/2 - YOGA MINDFULNESS & ME

POINTS OF PRIDE

- TOP 10 IN NJ GROWTH IN AP EXAMS (2016-2019)
- NUMBER OF STUDENTS SCORING 3+ ON AP EXAMS TRIPLED OVER PAST 4 YEARS
- 59 POINT INCREASE IN SAT AVERAGE SINCE 2016
- EXCEEDING 90% OF STUDENTS TAKING PSAT & SAT'S
- 4-YEAR GRADUATION COHORT RATE HAD TOPPED 94%
- 96% OF CLASS OF 2019 WERE ACCEPTED TO 2 OR 4 YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
- CLASS OF 2019 EARNED OVER 14 MILLION IN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
- BRANDT, CALABRO, CONNORS & WALLACE PLTW NATIONAL SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION
- STEAM TANK STATE CHAMPIONS WALLACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEAM
- HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL - AWARD WINNING HARVARD MODEL CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION TEAM
- HOBOKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SUIT UP NJ COMPETITION WINNERS
- STEM LEARNING VISITATION FROM DELEGATION FROM NINGO CHINA

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

- **SEPTEMBER 18 – HOBOKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL (7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM)**
- **SEPTEMBER 19 – HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL (7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM)**
- **SEPTEMBER 24 – BRANDT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM)**
- **SEPTEMBER 25 – CONNORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM)**
- **SEPTEMBER 26 – WALLACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM)**
- **OCTOBER 2 – PASSPORT TO LEARNING AT WALLACE SCHOOL (6:15 PM TO 8:00 PM)**