



## MISSION

*Waterford Public Schools is a community of learners that fosters and supports high aspirations, ensuring every student acquires the skills and knowledge necessary to be a responsible citizen, prepared to contribute and succeed in an ever-changing world.*

### **In support of this Mission, we believe:**

- Education is a collaborative responsibility requiring a partnership among the individual, family, school system, and community.
- Safety, integrity, and respect are critical to support success for all learners.
- The greatest potential for learning occurs when an individual's social, emotional, and academic needs are met.
- Student growth and achievement are enhanced when curiosity, creativity, and continuous improvement are valued by all members of the learning community.
- Evidence and information are the foundation of sound decision-making.



# VISION OF THE GRADUATE



Graduates of Waterford High School demonstrate mastery of the  
**WPS Transferable Skills:**

Communication

Research and  
Understanding

Critical  
Thinking

Responsible  
Citizenship

Self-Direction

## **Communication**

- Listen actively to understand the information or viewpoints presented.
- Select and use an appropriate method of communication to fit the audience, context, and purpose.
- Create a logical and evidence-based argument to support ideas.
- Deliver a clear, professional, and effective presentation.

## **Research and Understanding**

- Use appropriate research tools to acquire information from a variety of sources.
- Evaluate the bias and validity of information.
- Synthesize information to solve problems and defend claims.

## **Critical Thinking**

- Identify a problem, ask key questions, and make predictions.
- Analyze data in order to draw conclusions.
- Demonstrate flexibility and determination when solving problems.

## **Responsible Citizenship**

- Demonstrate respect for others and diverse cultures, identities, and perspectives.
- Make appropriate choices with words, actions, and mindset to address the needs of self and others.
- Take actions that promote ethical principles and equality.
- Use technology ethically to promote positive, reliable, and factual information.

## **Self-Direction**

- Persevere through frustration when challenging situations or temporary failures arise.
- Demonstrate flexibility, resourcefulness, and collaboration.
- Recognize how thoughts, feelings, and actions affect achievement.
- Set goals, prioritize steps, and take actions to achieve them independently.