

The mission of Barksdale Elementary School, a diverse team of students, staff, family and community members working together, is to guarantee a solid academic foundation and a lifetime love of learning for all students, and to produce responsible, respectful, and successful members of our community, through

- high expectations;
- rigorous and relevant educational experiences in an enriched learning environment;
- a safe, accepting and positive school setting;
- a caring and highly skilled staff; and
- the use of the resources of an actively involved, well informed school community.

We believe that:

- Everyone is entitled to rigorous and relevant educational experiences in an enriched learning environment.
- High expectations are key in order for *ALL* to achieve success.
- A safe and secure learning environment is essential for teaching and learning.
- In order to build character and develop productive citizens, it is necessary to model and expect honesty, respect, and accountability.
- Family and community support contribute to student success.
- Everyone is capable of learning.
- A positive and accepting environment recognizes the values and contributions of students and increases motivation of all.
- Embracing diversity gives our community strength.

Objectives

Each student will be eager and self-motivated in their pursuit of learning and in understanding its indispensable value.

Each student will be an active participant in daily relevant and rigorous educational experiences.

Each student will be a responsible, respectful, and successful member of our community, exemplify school pride, and exhibit highest ethical standards.

Each student will be provided a safe and positive school setting by a caring and highly skilled staff.

Each student will pass local, state and national assessments at levels which exceed established standards.

Strategies

We Will...

- Provide relevant and rigorous educational experiences
- Model and instill a positive and strong sense of ethics and character
- Recruit parent and community volunteers to strengthen an alliance for student success
- Provide multiple resources to support educational opportunities
- Provide a positive, safe, and welcoming environment in which all members are eager to participate and learn.