# O. H. Platt High School Statement of Core Values and Beliefs

The O. H. Platt High School community believes all students deserve a learning environment in which to achieve their full academic, civic, and social potential. Students must have a physically and emotionally safe, disciplined atmosphere in which they are motivated to set goals, make responsible decisions, and enjoy success. Our multicultural society develops independent, creative, resilient learners and thinkers. With support of school faculty, family, and members of our community, Platt students will become confident, self-sustaining adults who contribute to society.

It all comes down to Platt Panther Pride:



Creencias y Valores

La comunidad de O. H. Platt cree que todos los estudiantes merecen un ambiente de aprendizaje en el que ellos pueden lograr todo su potencial académico, cívico y social. Los estudiantes deben tener un ambiente físicamente, emocionalmente seguro y disciplinado en el que ellos estén motivados a establecer objetivos, hacer decisiones responsables y disfrutar su éxito. Nuestra sociedad multicultural desarrolla estudiantes y pensadores independientes, creativos y fuertes. Con el apoyo del colegio, la facultad, la familia y los miembros de nuestra comunidad, los estudiantes de Platt serán adultos seguros en sí mismo y auto-sostenibles quienes contribuyen a la sociedad.

# **Learning Expectations**

We, the Platt High School community, pledge to meet the following goals and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning expectations as defined by our school-wide rubrics for all students.

#### Academic Competencies:

To establish mastery of academic expectations, Platt High School students will:

- Acquire critical thinking and problem solving skills in order to identify, synthesize, and analyze information to reflect learning.
- Demonstrate academic integrity in the school environment.
- Apply positive study skills, work habits, organization, and time management skills to prepare for instruction and employment outside of the classroom.
- Exhibit creativity and innovation in the learning process.
- Develop and enhance technology skills to prepare all learners for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Acquire an effective level of preparedness in all academic areas as established by the State of Connecticut educational frameworks.
- Develop skills essential to critical and analytical reading of a variety of texts.
- Demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills.
- Critically reflect on learning in order to improve performance.

## Civic Competencies:

To establish mastery of civic expectations, Platt High School students will:

- Demonstrate awareness and acceptance by respecting the differences of others.
- Be responsible citizens by participating in local, national, and global issues.
- Support our community, institutions, and environment through volunteerism.
- Display work preparedness, interview skills, and professionalism.

## Social Competencies:

To establish mastery of social expectations, Platt High School students will:

- Exhibit respectful and courteous behaviors toward themselves and others.
- Develop interpersonal skills by working cooperatively and collaboratively with others.
- Display discipline through patience and self control.
- Demonstrate responsible and independent work habits.
- Demonstrate healthy habits and life skills.