



SIMSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

CORE VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

Teaching students to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow with confidence and integrity

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Preparation

We provide a rich and rigorous academic foundation for all students.

- We emphasize the meaningful application of knowledge and skills within the curriculum.
- We implement teaching methods designed to promote both critical thinking and creativity and to engage students in shared ownership for learning.
- We ensure that students of all abilities are included, challenged, and given appropriate instruction in preparation for college and careers.

Passion

We offer diverse learning experiences that encourage students to discover and to develop their unique interests and talents.

- We provide an elective program characterized by wide variety and high quality.
- We present students with opportunities to connect and to excel as they explore a broad range of extra-curricular activities.
- We give students opportunities for choice—in the classroom, during course selection, and throughout extra-curricular pursuits.

Personal Growth

We partner with families to promote character in our students as they develop into ethical and compassionate adults.

- We expect that all members of the school community will demonstrate the tenets of the Trojan Code: respect, honor, and responsibility.
- We provide students opportunities both to work collaboratively and to develop their potential as leaders.
- We guide students toward active citizenship, including service to a larger community.

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

- Read and comprehend complex texts independently
- Develop and strengthen writing skills
- Construct arguments that are supported by evidence
- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
- Conduct short and sustained research
- Evaluate/critique the work of self and others
- Use technology and digital media strategically and responsibly
- Demonstrate personal responsibility and ethical behavior (Trojan Code)