

**Waddell Elementary School
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Beliefs and Mission Committee
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Mission Statement

The mission of Harrington Waddell Elementary School is to create and nurture a community of life-long learners by providing sound progressive educational opportunities and challenging experiences that serve the needs and talents of all students.

Belief Statements

- Students' learning needs should be the primary focus of all decisions that affect the work of the school.
- Students learn in different ways; therefore, curriculum and instructional practices should incorporate a variety of learning activities to accommodate differences in learning styles.
- Students need to demonstrate their understanding of essential knowledge and skills while being actively involved in solving problems and producing quality work.
- The commitment to continuous improvement is imperative if our school is going to enable students to become confident, self-directed, lifelong learners.
- Teachers, administrators, parents and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.