

## Port Jervis City School District Mission Statement

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The Port Jervis City School District, in partnership with our community, has an uncompromising commitment to measurably improve student achievement and prepare students to be productive and responsible life-long learners, ready to meet challenges of citizenship in our ever-changing global society.

Our *Beliefs* are principles that guide the Port Jervis City School District's efforts in achieving our *Mission*, identified through the collaborative efforts of the District's staff, parents, and community.

We believe:

**P**reparing students to be lifelong learners requires recognition of each student's individual potential, while accepting the facts that all students possess unique talents and abilities and that not everyone learns in the same way or at the same pace.

**O**ur students deserve a learning environment which is safe, secure, clean, drug-free, nurturing and positive.

**R**espect, acceptance of differences, trustworthiness, civility and civic and school pride need to be cultivated, developed and modeled by all in the school community.

**T**echnological and mathematical proficiency, literacy, appreciation of the arts, problem solving, and communication skills are essential to students' future success.

**P**rudent management of district resources and facilities is fundamental to providing quality instructional settings in a fiscally responsible manner.

**R**ecruitment, development, and retention of effective personnel; ongoing planning; and evaluation of initiatives are vital for continuous improvement.

**I**nvolvement of district staff, families, students, and community partners in a collaborative relationship and open communication among all are essential.

**D**eveloping and communicating clear academic and behavioral expectations is the school's responsibility, while parents have a responsibility to support these expectations and ensure that their child attends school on a daily basis, prepared to learn.

**E**ducation prepares students to become productive and responsible citizens and leaders who contribute to both their communities and the larger global society.

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**Main Office**  
**Kristen Pacos**  
**Nicole VanBenschoten**  
**Ext. 12500**

**Health Office**  
**Anne Sigmund, RN BSN**  
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**Guidance Office**  
**Cathy Nicklin**  
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**Guidance Counselors:**  
**Mr. Caporale (A - L)**  
**Ext. 12611**

**Mrs. Harget (M - Z)**  
**Ext. 12612**

**School Resource Officer**  
**Officer Robertson**  
**Ext. 12530**

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## **Port Jervis Middle School**

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**118 East Main Street**  
**Port Jervis, NY 12771**



**Cynthia Benedict**  
**Principal**

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**Brett Cancredi**  
**Assistant Principal**

# KEYS TO SUCCESS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL:

*BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY*



## ***Be Responsible:***

- Arrive to school on time
- Seek help from your teachers and/or Guidance Counselor when needed

## ***Be Respectful:***

- Be kind and respectful to adults as well as your peers.
- Respect your school and show your school spirit!

## ***Be Ready:***

- Come to class every day prepared with your 3 ring binder, textbook, pen/pencil, completed homework and any other necessary materials.
- Use your Planner to keep track of assignments and other important information.

## ***Materials Needed for Middle School:***

- 3 Ring Binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Pens and pencils
- Scientific Calculator

You can find a full list of necessary school supplies on our website:

[www.pjschools.org](http://www.pjschools.org)

## ***Extra-Curricular Activities at PJMS include:***

- Art Club
- Cooking Club
- Drama Club
- Math Team
- After School Jazz Band
- Yearbook
- Peer Leaders
- Newspaper Club
- Student Council
- Achieve (homework club)

## ***Modified sports:***

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

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At the Port Jervis Middle School we believe that a student's success starts with the choices they make each day. If you choose to *Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Ready*, you will give yourself the best chance to be successful in reaching the goals you set for yourself.

***Make Good  
Choices...  
Have Great  
Days!***