

CORE VALUES

The New Britain High School learning community is guided by five 21st century core values that provide the foundation for our curricula, and the teaching and learning that occurs in our classrooms. Our core values are: Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Civic and Social Responsibility.

COLLABORATION

As a 21st century learning community we demonstrate our ability to work effectively and respectfully. Our collaborative work exhibits our willingness to value each other's views and contributions and the ability to compromise in order to achieve common goals.

COMMUNICATION

At New Britain High School we value the ability to articulate our thoughts through a variety of oral, written, and non-verbal forms. We also value the use of a variety of media and technology to disseminate our ideas, beliefs, and values. Finally, as a 21st century learning community, we use our communication skills to inform, instruct, plan, persuade, and motivate.

CREATIVITY

Our learning community appreciates creativity. We promote the use of a wide range of thinking techniques that display originality, innovation, inventiveness, and inclusion of multiple perspectives in order to be successful and productive 21st century community members.

CRITICAL THINKING

The New Britain High School learning community recognizes the ability to reason as a fundamental skill for all. Developing and perfecting the ability to analyze and evaluate evidence effectively, think critically, and to construct well-founded arguments based on developed claims and beliefs are essential skills for the 21st century.

SOCIAL AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

The New Britain High School learning community is deeply rooted in a sense of civic and social responsibility to one another, the nation, and the global community. We use our interpersonal skills and our leadership skills to promote ethical decision-making in order to achieve common goals and advance the democratic process.

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Academically, the NBHS student:

1. Reads and responds critically for a variety of purposes.
2. Utilizes listening, speaking, and writing skills to communicate effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.
3. Thinks critically in order to deduce, analyze, and solve abstract and real-world problems across disciplines.
4. Selects and employs a variety of resources-including media and technology-in order to find, organize, and communicate ideas effectively.

Socially and civically, the NBHS student:

5. Takes responsibility for his/her education and demonstrates the ability to be an independent, reflective, and creative learner, who is capable of generating his/her own ideas and willing to learn from mistakes.
6. Respects cultural and linguistic diversity;
7. Learns to work collaboratively and creatively with others to achieve common objectives;
and
8. Understands and demonstrates a sense of community, democracy, and constitutional principles.