

## *Mission Statement:*

Lake Shore will ensure a high-quality education so that each student acquires the skills, knowledge and character to excel in meeting the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly changing world.

## *Guiding Principles*

### **Accountability:**

#### *We believe in...*

- Aligning practice with beliefs
- Character — life skills, leadership
- Continuous improvement of student achievement
- Courage — accepting challenges
- Fiscal responsibility
- Measuring and reporting current status of the district
- Everyone being responsible for her/his own behavior

### **Communication**

#### *We believe in...*

- Building relationships
- Courtesy and respect
- Communication being everyone's responsibility
- Honesty, openness and timeliness
- The sharing of thoughts and ideas

### **Community**

#### *We believe in...*

- Building a sense of pride
- Creating an environment that fosters a sense of belonging
- Diversity as a challenge and an opportunity
- Involving all community members in the educational process
- Social responsibility — service to others

### **Excellence**

#### *We believe in...*

- Celebrating success
- Commitment & dedication
- High expectations
- Lifelong learning
- Staff development
- Being success/results-oriented
- Doing one's personal best

### **Integrity**

#### *We believe in...*

- Being consistent
- Being ethical
- Courage/strength
- Doing the right thing — “right makes might”
- Honesty
- Respect for self and others

### **Safety and Security**

#### *We believe in...*

- A nurturing, safe learning environment
- Safety as a community responsibility
- Never taking safety and security for granted
- Secure facilities
- The wellness and well being of all
- Updated and rehearsed emergency procedures

## **Focus Areas**

### **Student Achievement**

Lake Shore Public Schools will deliver state-of-the-art curriculum, which is content, assessments, instructional strategies and resources to challenge students so they excel in their lifetime of learning.

### **Communications**

Lake Shore Public Schools will demonstrate effective two-way communication for the benefit of each student and the whole community, based on honesty and courtesy.

### **Resources**

Lake Shore Public Schools will effectively use its community, facility, financial, human and technological resources to ensure success for all students.