

John P. Holland Charter School Mission Statement

The mission of the John P. Holland Charter School is to promote student achievement and learning through a rich educational program. This program will prepare students both academically and civically for participation in the world around them. Through a focus on individualized learning, creative teaching techniques, a strong applied arts program, merit bonus pay, character education, community service and involvement, an emphasis on the use of technology by both teachers and students within, and outside of the classroom, the innovative use of the environment surrounding the school, and a close connection with the community and parents, John P. Holland Charter School will produce academically and civically responsible individuals, while closing the education gap which thwarts the potential of many youth who live in urban communities such as Paterson.

The mission of the John P. Holland Charter School supports our vision of what public school should offer:

- a) A Curriculum that focuses individually upon the learning requirements of all students, identifying and addressing their individual and personal needs.
- b) Leadership that researches, incorporates, and evaluates new and changing teaching techniques to attempt to education new and changing generation of students.
- c) A Curriculum that incorporates the applied arts to increase the employability of our students as well as better prepare them to function civically in society.
- d) A Culture that seeks to build upon the character of the students, correct behavioral issues, refine manners and etiquette, and produce ethical and mature individuals.
- e) A Community Commitment that attempts to involve youth more directly within their community, instilling within them a sense that they are a member of a larger body than just their immediate family, and producing within them a desire to aid and advance this body.
- f) A 21st Century Establishment that acquires the latest technology, and trains both staff and students in its use, preparing students for entrance into the technologically advanced world of tomorrow and granting them access to tools which are traditionally unavailable in this district.
- g) Community Investment that attempts to use the resources of the community, state, region, and nation to instruct its students, incorporating these vast resources into the education of its students.

A Partnership that seeks to more fully involve parents and teachers along with administrators in the growth and running of the school.