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Core Values

- We, the community of Joel Barlow High School, believe in a rigorous, dynamic education that respects the diversity of student aspirations. Through an open and active exchange of ideas, we seek to promote values, knowledge and skills that foster meaningful inquiry, personal integrity, individual well-being, global citizenship and continuous independent learning.

Beliefs about Learning

“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire”

William Butler Yeats

- The measure of an education, that which will sustain learners beyond Joel Barlow High School, is the vital exchange between educators and students. We hold to the tenets of that exchange: the stimulation of the intellect, the cultivation of independent inquiry, the fostering of thoughtful behavior, a sense of wonder, the quest for truth. By using their minds well, all students will have opportunities to appreciate the triumphs, frustrations and incongruities of the human spirit.