

DISTRICT GOALS 2009-2012

To improve student achievement by providing integration, instruction, and assessment and by providing academic intervention services.

To support higher expectations of staff by providing professionals the training required to perform duties as defined in the Professional Development Plan.

To continue open communication with staff and community, including extending parent involvement in the schools.

To provide for coordination of technology and academic problem-solving skills through integrating technology into curriculum and instruction.

To promote the development of respectful and well-rounded young adults by encouraging the participation of all students in extra-curricular activities, co-curricular activities, and through the incorporation of character education programming.

To develop a fiscally responsible budget that is reflective of proven educational practices that serve the needs of the students and the staff.

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

Johnstown is a small city in Fulton County, New York, comprised of approximately 8,500 residents. It is conveniently located midway between Albany and Utica, and is just five miles north of New York State Thruway Exit 28, providing an easy commute. The socioeconomic character of the community is diversified. The main industries are tourism and small manufacturing in the city proper, and farming in the adjoining towns.

The city's colorful history harkens back to colonial times, and people from near and far enjoy visiting such landmarks as the baronial estate of Sir William Johnson, learning about the hometown of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and touring the Johnstown School Museum. Many recreational opportunities are available to residents and vacationers throughout the year, including boating on nearby lakes, cross country and downhill skiing, golf, bicycling, jogging, tennis, fishing and hunting. Cultural events are often provided by civic bands and art galleries. Educational opportunities abound, with the Greater Johnstown School District offering fine scholastic, athletic and music programs and Fulton Montgomery Community College just minutes away.

City of Johnstown Government:
<http://cityofjohnstown-ny.com>

Fulton County Regional
Chamber of Commerce & Industry
<http://www.fultoncountyny.org>

Mission Statement

The Johnstown School District will provide all students with the academic problem-solving and technological skills essential for personal development, responsible citizenship and life-long learning.

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GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Glebe Street Elementary School
Grades K-6
Pleasant Avenue Elementary School
Grades K-6
Warren Street Elementary School
Grades PreK-6

Knox Junior High School
Grades 7 & 8

Johnstown High School
Grades 9-12



*Community Art Mural completed by
JHS Advanced Art Students*

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ABOUT THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT



**ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
ENJOY MORNING CHESS CLUB**

The Greater Johnstown School District is a K-12 public school accredited by the NYS Education Department, serving approximately 1,800 students. The dedicated staff strives to provide each child with a quality education and to foster in them the ability to be critical and creative thinkers, responsible citizens and life-long learners.

All facilities are recently renovated and carefully maintained. Each building includes its own well-equipped media center and computer lab. The Knox Junior High complex boasts the venerable Knox Field, an interscholastic stadium featuring lights and a field turf surface, suitable for a wide variety of athletic events and the site of many NYS Sectionals contests. Johnstown High School hosts the district's indoor pool, lighted tennis courts and the newly constructed Johnstown High School Performing Arts Center, a stunning, modern, state-of-the-art auditorium for musical and theatrical events.

All elementary schools participate in the Accelerated Reader and Parents As Reading Partners programs, designed to encourage reading. Each also provides a "six pillar" Character Education program, supporting the positive character traits of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, fairness and citizenship. The district's Universal Pre-Kindergarten program, housed at Warren Street Elementary School, addresses instructional components, cognitive skills, social and emotional development and physical skills of youngsters.

The Knox Junior High School community recognizes the variety of individual interests and abilities of its students and is committed to providing academic, aesthetic, athletic and social experiences which nurture and cultivate those interests. To insure the existence of a supportive environment, high standards of achievement and behavior are set and expected to met by all. The ultimate goal is to foster pride, respect and responsibility.



**SIR BILLS MARCHING BAND
CELEBRATES JOHNSTOWN'S
250TH ANNIVERSARY**

Johnstown High School offers both traditional academic courses and a number of unique programs, including Advanced Placement courses, University in High School courses through SUNY Albany, Career & Technical Programs through HFM BOCES, and the innovative STRIVE (Students & Teachers Respecting Individual Victories Everyday) targeted academic assistance program for freshmen. In addition, by collaborating with another school district through the local HFM BOCES, Johnstown has received a three-tiered stimulus grant to enhance education through technology, providing students at JHS with the opportunity to receive online courses from NYS certified teachers.

Of special note, beginning with the 2010-11 school year, JHS will be an area frontrunner, and one of only 16 schools state-wide, to offer students the opportunity to participate in a groundbreaking educational program known as the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!). Administered as a credit-bearing elective through the high school business department, YEA! will partner with the local business community to provide students in grades 9-12 with a course that takes them through all of the steps of starting and running a **real** company.

Please visit www.johnstownschoools.org to learn more about our school district.