



JAMES H. COX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Core Values (What we represent?)

- **Commitment to our students, colleagues & community**
 - **Continuous learning**
 - **Collaborative practice**
 - **Consistency in our practice**
- **Comprehensive coverage of skills & standards**

Belief Statements connected to our core values:

Because we are **committed** to our core values and high quality instruction built on consistency from grade level to grade level, we will continually support team collaboration times built on common assessment data around our 3 signature instructional practices-CGI, TM, BL.

Because we are **committed** to each of our students, we will continuously strive to offer high quality instruction to meet the diverse ways that students learn utilizing a variety of teaching strategies. We will help students to develop a healthy self-concept and appreciate one another's differences.

Because we are **committed** to our colleagues, we will work to support and develop individually and collectively, holding productive and honest conversations when necessary.

Because we are **committed** to our families and parents, we will work towards engaging all parents to be actively involved in their children's education because our students learn best when family members are involved.

Because we believe in the value of **continuous learning**, we will continue to develop our content and instructional knowledge and engage in activities that enhance their effectiveness as educators.

Because we value **collaborative practice**, we will meet in our collaboration teams to build consistency in our practice around our signature practices built around common assessment data utilizing a team approach to eliminate barriers in our school achievement.

Because we believe in the effectiveness of **consistency in our practices**, we will develop high quality instruction that connects and supports the transition from one grade level to the next around our three signature practices: Thinking Maps Writing, Balance Literacy Components, and Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) in Mathematics.

Because **comprehensive coverage of skills & standards** is of high importance, we will commit to developing our understanding and knowledge of the skills and standards that our students will need with the purpose of articulation with our vertical grade level teams.

Conduct activities that contribute to the development of a positive school **climate** that supports our core values.



Patrick Ham, Principal

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