




## CORE PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESS

- ① All students must reach the same benchmarked standards of achievement. No excuses!
- ② Contribution to student performance *within the established fiscal limits* is the primary criteria for judging the merit of any activity or program that takes place at any level of the school system.
- ③ Assessment systems, the curriculum, the entire instructional program, the professional development program, and the accountability system *coupled with fiscal responsibility* must be linked at every level to the standards of student achievement.
- ④ Good instruction is critical, but it is not enough. Each student needs to know that school/district staff cares about him or her and that success is achievable and important!
- ⑤ The community, schools and district support staff must be involved and organized to support high performance instruction and student learning in customer friendly work places.
- ⑥ Staff must be provided with the training, knowledge, and motivation to make informed decisions as capable employees who are then held accountable for the results of their work.

  
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