



Our Beliefs:

We Believe:

- **Every child can learn**
- **Everyone should give their best effort everyday**
- **Families and communities are our valued partners**
- **In a safe and nurturing environment**
- **That respect, honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness should be practiced by all**
- **That decisions should be made in the best interest of students**
- **In using innovative practices to meet the needs of all learners**
- **In shared-decision making**

Operating Principles:

All that we do in the Pontotoc County School District is closely connected to and measured against a set of guiding principles. Our schools strive to be:

- **Student-centered.** The needs and interest of students will dominate any decisions that we make or actions that we take; we will focus on building the spirit of students to embrace education.
- **Open, honest and transparent** about our reasons for our actions, our approaches, our successes and our shortcomings.
- **Respectful and appreciative** of ideas, feelings, aspirations and of differences in background, point of view and desires.
- **Customer-oriented** in all of our interactions
- **Focused on quality** in all aspects of our operation
- **Innovative and entrepreneurial** in seeking, experimenting with and adapting promising educational ideas and practices that will lead to excellent teaching and learning at the highest level.
- **Accountable** to our students, their families, our community, and to each other.
- **Relentless** in the pursuit of excellence
- **Team-oriented** and committed to shared beliefs