

Hamblen County “Big Eight” Principles

To develop high school graduates ready for post-secondary education, work and life.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/WORKFORCE READINESS

Develop programs that connect youth with business and industry to better prepare them for the workforce and provide an increased variety of employment opportunities, including businesses with youth as their primary marketing focus.

EDUCATION

Challenge, prepare, and equip students to maximize their potential and compete in a global economy.

HEALTH

Maximize education concerning health issues by generating and encouraging communication beginning at an early age and continuing throughout young adulthood. Promote available health resources at schools and in the community to ensure emotionally and physically healthy adults.

SAFETY

Protect and educate our community so that the youth feel safe, confident, and ready for life by making instinctive decisions about their well-being.

TOLERANCE

Generate motivation and opportunities for our citizens and students to experience, to interact with, and to educate themselves about other cultures, race, lifestyles, religions, genders, age, economic and intelligence levels. Tolerance comes only from personal connections, education, and experience.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Provide and promote community resources that offer a diversity of programs and activities for people of all ages that will create affordable and accessible social and educational opportunities.

SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Foster supportive relationships that will empower and engage youth in making responsible choices that will produce wise decisions.

RECREATION

Expand and develop affordable, accessible, and positive opportunities for sports, leisure, and cultural activities which will impact community members of all ages, in order to motivate greater achievement, inspire individuals and families to be healthy and productive, and to enhance their overall quality of life.