



MISSION, VISION, GUIDING PRINCIPLES, AND PURPOSE

Mission: The mission of the Heritage Charter Academy of Cape Coral (HCA) is to foster pride in academic achievements while developing the students' abilities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics by way of delivering daily instruction in fitness, health, and character education.

Vision: Heritage Charter Academy of Cape Coral demonstrates and promotes the essential role of STEAM by enabling every student to succeed in school. HCA will become a top STEAM school specializing in health, character, community, and project-based learning.

Purpose:

HCA's purpose is to promote our students' intellectual and social development to prepare them for success both in and out of the classroom. Through academic rigor, technology, and real-world activities that make learning relevant and through relationship building amongst all stakeholders, we create a supportive learning community that extends beyond the classroom. HCA provides excellence and fairness in education through this common foundation.

Guided Principles:

HCA embraces the belief that everyone can learn given the right tools of support. Our commitment is part of maintaining a GROWTH MINDSET and recognizing that learning is best through a multisensory approach. This multisensory approach involves visual, auditory, and kinesthetic-tactile pathways simultaneously to enhance memory and learning of all academics. Hence, the integration of STEAM curriculum. Embracing these Principles, HCA students can use critical thinking skills to build, create, learn and grow to empower them to aspire to do his/her personal best.

Parental Involvement:

HCA believes different areas fall under the Parent Involvement Category. The first is the expectations of the School and our Parents. We believe a student's progress and positive school experience is dependent on a strong partnership between the school-parents- and students. All must do their part to ensure all of our students are successful. During the enrollment process, parents are informed of the volunteer hours needed for each student. We understand not every parent has the ability or time to participate in our Parent Volunteer Program, and no student's enrollment is affected by any non-participation. However, we provide parents with many opportunities and levels of assistance to ensure we retain a 90% participation rate. Some of these opportunities include volunteer hours, monetary contributions, donations, information sharing, reading time, and other viable ways to show their commitment to their child's school's success. We are a small school, and this partnership is often treated more like one big family. It is through this spirit we develop the school spirit.

HCA's administration team assisted in developing policies and a communication component that will assure the smooth movement of information from the school's leadership to the parent's organization and from the parent's organization to the school's leadership. A separate account for fundraising and other fiscal-related business will be set up by the elected Parent Liaison and monitored by the school attorney as needed. Quarterly reports will be provided to the administrative team detailing all incoming and outgoing funds for school purposes.

The Principal or Assistant Principal will be responsible for communicating this information to the Board. The Parent Organization may choose to have a

representative who will make a periodic report to the HCA Governance Board. All Board minutes and Parents' Association minutes will be available for review upon request.

The other side of this partnership is the involvement in their child's academic progress at HCA. We utilize the Statewide system FOCUS for accountability. Parents are provided their student's school ID and the directions to utilize the Parent Portal of FOCUS to view their child's cumulative grades, assignment grades, test scores, and other historical data about their child with up-to-date data. The option to message their child's teacher(s) is another available feature to keep parents informed and always an "equal partner!" We have found this avenue of communication in today's technology age is one of the most effective ways to keep our students and parents involved and active stakeholders.

Diversity:

HCA's students are welcome and respected. The school promotes the advantages of learning from a student body that embraces and employs diverse teachers and students from all economic, racial, cultural, and "different" backgrounds. Parents of every economic, social, and ethnic group choose to send their children to local charter schools. HCA strives to serve a diverse population of students similar to that of district public schools. Other diverse populations may include Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners. All students are welcome to HCA as we are a Choice School parents may send their children to attend regardless of Public School Zones. (***Note- any Grade VPK-8th grade may enroll, however, if the parent wants HCA to assume transportation, they must be within the 5-mile radius as outlined in the Transportation plan. Moreover, if a parent lives outside of the "Five-mile radius" but is willing to assume the student transportation responsibilities, they may enroll.