



DOCK
MENNONITE ACADEMY

Dock Mennonite Academy inspires and equips each student to serve with a global perspective by integrating faith, academic excellence, and life-enriching opportunities in a

Christ-centered community

Dock's Board of Trustees approved this new mission statement on May 16, 2017. Each word and phrase received focused attention to ensure it conveyed the desired components of Dock's philosophy.

1. Christ-centered. This phrase is key to the mission and daily work of Dock Mennonite Academy. Christ is at the center of our lives and our school. The Bible is interpreted through the lens of Christ. Our work is to honor Christ in our daily activities, relationships, goals, and ambitions.

2. Inspires and equips. We desire to do much more than simply transfer knowledge and information. We will only accomplish our mission if students are inspired to pursue a life of meaning for Christ and make an impact on the world.

3. Each student. Each Dock student is a unique individual with specific gifts, strengths, and weaknesses. We differentiate teaching strategies to account for varied learning styles. We help each student develop personal gifts and begin to discern how to best use those strengths to impact the workplace, church, and community.

4. To serve. Service is a key value of our Anabaptist faith; it is not something a few will choose to do, rather a way of life for each student. Christ modeled a life of service and Dock

strives to teach this value in our curriculum.

5. Global perspective. Our Christ-centered approach must have a global perspective. Each person in the world is important to God and is to be valued and respected—from my next-door neighbor to the child in a refugee camp on the other side of the world. God's kingdom transcends earthly boundaries and defines the stage for our service.

6. Three components of the Dock experience:

a. Integrated faith. We are made by God and are spiritual beings. Our faith is not something limited to Bible class and chapel, but is integrated and woven throughout the curriculum and school activities. We strive to model, teach, and discuss how our faith impacts our worldview and daily life decisions. We encourage students to recognize the church as an important part of their faith journey.

b. Academic excellence. Dock recognizes that academic excellence is a key reason most families choose to send their children to our school. We continue to find ways to strengthen our curriculum and make it seamless across the system, preparing each student to excel, even at the strongest university.

c. Life-enriching opportunities. Dock provides many opportunities to develop the whole student. Drama, music, art, sports, and service projects are just a few ways we foster leadership, collaboration, and service in our students.

7. Community. The entire Dock experience is in the context of a community. Each classroom becomes a sacred community of trust and safety.

Our school family becomes a community of encouragement and support. Our local churches provide a community of collaboration and partnership. Our Anabaptist conferences and denomination provide another important network of connections.

Dock's mission statement will guide us as we prepare for the 2017-18 school year.

We encourage you to be a part of our community as we journey together. The preparation of our children for future leadership and service is a sacred calling. Our new mission statement will help define our focus and direction so we are always clear about our ultimate goal!

2017-18

Highlights

so far...

Former Director of Development **John Frankenfield** (and father to Kindergarten teacher **Sarah Price**) used his love for gardening to help make our EC-Grade 8 campus a more beautiful place. John was joined by recently retired Spanish teacher **Eldon Miller** and **Wib Zook** in planting 60 mums in the courtyard for us all to enjoy!



Pastors joined us for our **Grades 9-12 Pastors' Day** on September 13. Nearly 50 pastors, youth pastors and youth leaders joined students for chapel, visited classrooms, and enjoyed lunch together in the cafeteria. Our students love it when their pastors and youth leaders visit campus! Pastors are invited to our **EC-Grade 8 Pastors' Day on Wednesday, October 18.**



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