



## **Melrose High School Mission Statement**

**Melrose High School is committed to developing academic and personal excellence. In partnership with home and community, we foster a safe and caring learning environment. We encourage a passion for learning by providing an engaging curriculum with high expectations for all students. We prepare our graduates to become knowledgeable, respectful, contributing citizens of a global society.**

- **Write effectively using standard English**
- **Demonstrate the ability to read effectively**
- **Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively**
- **Demonstrate the ability to use technology responsibly and effectively**
- **Demonstrate the ability to problem solve effectively**
- **Demonstrate an understanding of arts and culture**
- **Demonstrate an understanding of behaviors that promote wellness**
- **Demonstrate good citizenship**
- **Demonstrate the ability to plan and implement goals**
- **Demonstrate an understanding of diversity and exercise tolerance and respect for themselves, others, and their school**

# What is NEASC?

NEASC stands for *New England Association of Schools and Colleges*.

They are a group that gives accreditation to high schools and colleges throughout New England.

# What is accreditation?

- Every ten years, schools go through the accreditation process. First, the school looks at itself to see what it does and does not do well. This is called the self-study process, and your teachers have been working on that for the last two years.
- After that, a team of educators from New England comes to Melrose for three days to review everything that MHS does and then determine if MHS has earned accreditation for another ten years.

# Why is accreditation important?

Accreditation means that your school is doing everything it needs to do to prepare you for the next part of your education.

They are not here to look at individual teachers or students, but to examine the school as a whole.

# Who are these people?

The *visiting team* is made up of a group of 15 educators mostly from Massachusetts, but also from other New England states. They are teachers, principals, guidance counselors, librarians, and other school staff.

# What happens during the visit?

The visiting team will arrive in Melrose on Sunday to meet some students and teachers. They will spend ALL DAY Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in MHS: going to classes, touring the building, meeting with people, eating lunch in the café, everything you can possibly do to learn about the school.

## So what do I do?

Nothing different than you normally do:  
Participate in class, go to lunch, play your instrument in band, use the computers in the library, but also be welcoming and friendly. Say “Hi” when you see these visitors in the hall. Help them if they seem lost. Answer their questions.

**PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL!**

# Remember our mission statement

What

**R**espect

**E**ducation

**D**etermination

means to us!