

**The Staten Island School of Civic Leadership**  
**This Is What We Believe and Will Implement**

The Staten Island School of Civic Leadership is founded on the belief that civic leadership is education in action for the good of all people within a global society. SISCL will offer its students a seamless educational experience anchored in strong standards-based competencies in the disciplines of literacy, math, science, civics, history, government, law, geography, democracy, public presentation, music, art, and health/ physical education.

Because we have lost sight of the fact that America's vibrancy is based upon a shared vision, the students, teachers, and administration will work together in the self- governance of their school that parallel the actual processes and procedures inherent in a democracy.

We therefore need more than ever for our school system to meet these issues head on by educating young people who are citizens capable of understanding, caring about, and participating in all aspects of civic life and democratic processes.

Research has shown that civic engagement is especially difficult for disadvantaged young people who often lack the resources and wherewithal to participate.

The families of newly immigrant and disadvantaged youths yearn for the opportunity to give their children a hand up to become part of the intricate and delicate weave of the American fiber. They want to help their children succeed, and give them a chance at the "American dream." Our school holds the capacity to accomplish this by bringing together heterogeneous populations of youths, with different backgrounds, ideas, and career ambitions into a community in which they will learn to interact, debate differing points of view, and work together with others. We are committed to starting this process from the early childhood years and continuing the process as we prepare our youngsters to enter higher education, the workforce, and society at large.

We need the energy, perspectives, and talents of all our children who will work together to protect the American way of life. Our future will rely on this.