

**158.645 Capacities required of students in public education system.**

The General Assembly recognizes that public education involves shared responsibilities. State government, local communities, parents, students, and school employees must work together to create an efficient public school system. Parents and students must assist schools with efforts to assure student attendance, preparation for school, and involvement in learning. The cooperation of all involved is necessary to assure that desired outcomes are achieved. It is the intent of the General Assembly to create a system of public education which shall allow and assist all students to acquire the following capacities:

- (1) Communication skills necessary to function in a complex and changing civilization;
- (2) Knowledge to make economic, social, and political choices;
- (3) Core values and qualities of good character to make moral and ethical decisions throughout his or her life;
- (4) Understanding of governmental processes as they affect the community, the state, and the nation;
- (5) Sufficient self-knowledge and knowledge of his mental and physical wellness;
- (6) Sufficient grounding in the arts to enable each student to appreciate his or her cultural and historical heritage;
- (7) Sufficient preparation to choose and pursue his life's work intelligently; and
- (8) Skills to enable him to compete favorably with students in other states.

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