



Abbott Lawrence Academy Learning Expectations

The mission of Abbott Lawrence Academy is to provide a high quality, rigorous, college preparatory education for each student in a safe and nurturing learning environment that values hard work, determination and citizenship. In service of that mission, our school has adopted the following *Learning Expectations* for all ALA graduates.

Reading and Writing

Students will critically analyze texts from a variety of perspectives and cultures, forging personal and literary connections. Students will engage in interdisciplinary learning, articulate original ideas, and write coherently, creatively, and persuasively.

Problem Solving

Students will form logical and rational assumptions to address higher order thinking questions. Students will develop habits of mind while thinking creatively and outside of the box to solve problems.

Research and Resourcefulness

Students will develop executive functioning skills including goal setting, organization, and time management. Students will cultivate strong research skills that demonstrate an ability to effectively access, analyze, and cite sources to interpret evidence and support arguments, as well as use technology strategically and purposefully.

Communication and Public Speaking

Students will communicate effectively in a variety of formats: written, oral, digital, and visual. Students will speak and present effectively to multiple audiences. Students will be adept at using data, visual representations, and models to present their findings.

Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement

Students will be open-minded and accepting of diverse backgrounds, ideas, and opinions. Students will develop a clearer sense of their individual identity and their place in the world. Students will become leaders in the city of Lawrence and global citizens, engaging in meaningful service learning projects that promote unity and progress.