



COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL OF  
DAVIDSON

## MISSION AND PURPOSE

### *Mission*

Community School of Davidson believes that every student can and will succeed in ways that reflect his or her own aptitudes and interests. Our mission is to use the principles of The Basic School to provide an optimal environment for learning in which:

- Teachers and parents work together to create an inclusive community of learning.
- Students are intrinsically motivated as lifelong learners through hands-on teaching, integrated curriculum and real life learning with meaningful community connections.
- Teachers are empowered and encouraged to teach to the needs of each individual student.

### *The Basic School Framework*

- **The School as Community** - The school is a community that has a shared vision to promote learning and where teachers are leaders and parents are partners.
- **A Curriculum with Coherence** - The curriculum incorporates "Core Commonalities" or universal experiences shared by all people.
- **A Climate for Learning** - In order to promote an optimal learning climate, class sizes are small, teaching schedules are flexible, and student grouping arrangements are varied.
- **A Commitment to Character** - Core virtues are taught by both word and deed and are woven into everyday classroom experiences. Students are taught to live with a purpose and are encouraged to apply these lessons, learned through curriculum, school climate and service, to the world around them.

*"It is our deepest hope that not a single student, let alone a whole generation of students, should pass through the schoolhouse door unprepared for the world that lies before them. And there is, we believe, an urgency to this effort." – Dr. Ernest L. Boyer*