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**School Committee Policy:**

**#632**

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**Academic Expectations, Enrichment and Acceleration**

As established in our Vision and Mission statements, the Maynard Public Schools are committed to the full development of the potential of all students. We do this for two reasons.

- a. this is our responsibility to our students; and
- b. this is an investment in their future and our own

We commit ourselves as a partner with students and their families to seek out and develop students' talents and interests by:

- Creating a learning environment which stimulates and challenges students,
- Providing activities to help students develop realistic concepts of self and others,
- Encouraging leadership and social responsibility in all students;
- Utilizing activities and materials which develop advanced levels of thinking;
- Developing time management skills.
- Stimulating and encouraging creativity in all subject areas;
- Continually encouraging all students to set higher goals.

The Committee urges the staff to be flexible, insuring that roadblocks are cleared from the paths of learners, and that students are assisted in moving forward consistent with individual interests and talents. Independent study, work experience, work study, distance learning through MCET, adult mentors, advanced placement programs, summer enrichment programs, and college credit courses for high school students all are worthy examples of the need for flexibility in academic requirements.

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