



MISSION:

Giff Hill School offers our island community an inclusive, experiential education that sees each child as an individual and inspires each to excel. We support and challenge our students to approach complex problems resourcefully, to understand and advocate for the environment, and to honor the culture and history of Caribbean peoples. Our graduates are resilient, caring community leaders at home and abroad.

DIVERSITY RESOLUTION:

The Trustees of Giff Hill School believe that a diverse and inclusive learning environment is integral to achieving academic excellence. We recognize and value the experiences that diversity of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic class, family structure, age, and ability contribute to Giff Hill School.

CORE VALUES

At GHS, we believe:

- The purpose of education is to foster the skills, talents, and creativity of the individual.
- Education includes the development of critical reasoning, character, and the ability to invent and adapt in response to the surrounding environment, in addition to academic and testing success.
- Every motivated student deserves the opportunity to pursue a rigorous and meaningful education.
- Our small size allows us to honor each child's contributions and passions, and to provide the challenge and support required by each individual.
- Collaboration, cooperation, and mutual respect provide the context for learning, support, and success.

- All members of the community are responsible for leading by example in creating a sustainable school, island, and world.

At GHS we live these beliefs by:

- Ensuring that all decision-making at the school, from the Board of Trustees to the classroom, is based on what is best for children.
- Hiring and supporting teachers who have academic skills, an interest in collaborative learning, and a willingness to lead by example.
- Offering a wide range of courses, including college preparatory, career pathways, and experiential opportunities, that draw children toward balanced lives.
- Creating educational opportunities for students and the community at large to promote sustainability, and to seek solutions for complex problems facing our island and the world beyond.
- Implementing an application process that encourages all motivated students to apply.
- Offering financial aid to families who have financial need and a willingness to support both their children and our school.
- Offering college and career counseling that allows each child to develop her or his own path.
- Crafting an individualized educational experience for each child based on his/her strengths and needs.
- Directly instructing and reinforcing the importance of respect, integrity, and cooperation in every daily interaction.
- Understanding that participation in school life by all students, parents, faculty, trustees, and the broader community, is crucial to our shared success.