

# The Yew School



## FOUNDATIONAL VALUES

We honor youth's intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual development—respecting their agency as learners.

We value the role of parents, grandparents and community elders in the education of youth.

We believe that every individual has an important and unique role in the peaceful and prosperous functioning of a community.

We look to nature for authentic examples of resilience, interdependence, variation, diversity, and resourcefulness.

We believe that an environment that prioritizes collaboration and personal growth over competition is best for learning.

We believe that students will be thoughtful caretakers of an educational culture they help to create.

## FOUNDING QUESTIONS

How can we make experiential education inclusive and accessible for local families?

How can the program we develop and offer at The Yew School work in cooperation with public schools and enhance outcomes for students in the Pocahontas and Greenbrier County districts?

How can we collaborate with area families to create an educational middle years program that meets their needs?

What skills, attitudes, and knowledge do middle years youth need to be well and prosperous now and in future stages of life?

What unique challenges and opportunities does growing up in this specific place offer students?