CASHION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GREAT EXPECTATIONS MODEL SCHOOL 18 YEARS IN A ROW

Since 1991, Cashion Elementary School has achieved the prestigious honor of being named a Great Expectations Model School for 18 years in a row. In 1991, we were recognized as the first school to be named a Model School in the state of Oklahoma. Our staff and students continue to work year after year to maintain Model School status through the implementation of GE methodologies and creation of a culture that epitomizes GE Mission.

The mission of Great Expectations® is to motivate, inspire, and challenge individuals to achieve excellence in learning and living.

Founded in 1991, Great Expectations is a scientifically-based professional development program that trains teachers in methodologies that have the greatest impact on teaching and learning. Its approach to learning empowers teachers to expect high achievement from ALL students and rekindles the excitement of discovery among both students and teachers.

It provides teachers and administrators with the skills needed to create harmony and excitement within the school atmosphere, elements that are basic for inspiring students to pursue academic excellence. With a focus on the human quality of teaching and learning, GE provides renewal and inspiration for teachers who may have lost their way and forgotten why they became teachers in the beginning.

Rather than teaching <u>WHAT</u> to teach, Great Expectations methodology focuses on the learning climate and the <u>HOW</u> of teaching.

The basic principles of the program are: high expectations for students, a learning climate based on mutual respect between student and teacher, student self-esteem, a belief that all students can learn, positive teacher attitude, and highly skilled and knowledgeable teachers who inspire and enable students to achieve success.

Cashion Elementary is proud of our 18 year GE Model School status and will continue to work to implement the tenets and principles that have made a difference in the lives of our students, teachers, families, and community.

