



GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The District's mission, vision and belief statements define the core values that shape the District's direction and action.

Vision: All kids engaged in learning today.....for life tomorrow

Mission: We successfully educate students to navigate their futures.

Belief Statements:

1. All students deserve teachers and staff who thrive on student success.
2. Each student will have fair and equitable opportunity for quality instruction and academic success.
3. All students learn when their individual needs are met through a personalized school experience.
4. All students and staff learn and work best in a safe, secure, and nurturing environment.
5. Highly skilled and committed personnel are our greatest asset.
6. Quality education is a partnership of students, staff, family, and community engagement.
7. Dedication to affirming diversity enriches the educational experiences for all.
8. District programs and staff are flexible, adaptable and strive to provide choices that meet the changing needs of all students.
9. A well-educated community is the foundation of our democracy
10. District resources and staff are public assets requiring responsible stewardship and community involvement.
11. All students will graduate college, career and citizenship ready.

While our District has many strengths and successes to build on, we must also seek continuous improvement to make our vision come true for each student. Therefore, the Board sets forth the following goals and key results that it believes are of the highest priority for action in the upcoming school year and beyond. These goals and key results do not describe everything the District is dedicated to accomplishing. While not all programs and services are specifically addressed in these goals and key results, the District is committed to providing a comprehensive educational experience that meets the needs of each student.

Goals:

Student Achievement

Goal: Increase student achievement for all students while closing the achievement gap.

The Board is committed to ensuring that all students graduate and are college and/or career ready. Every school must improve teaching and learning with a focus on the Montana Content Standards (MCS). Our expectation is that every student will make at least one year of academic growth in each school year.

Stewardship and Accountability

Goal: Provide prudent stewardship and accountability of public resources to best support educational opportunity and student success.

The Board is committed to directing District resources to providing educational opportunity through both an instructional core and comprehensive programming while maximizing operational efficiency and public accountability within a sustainable budget. The District must recognize a need for a 21st Century learning environment, changing student population with more diverse needs, uncertain revenue streams and escalating costs.

Healthy, Safe and Secure Schools

Goal: The District will provide all students a healthy, safe, and secure school environment in which to learn

The Board recognizes its responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of all students within the District. The Board is committed to ensuring that plans and supporting resources are available to carry out this important responsibility.

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