

## **104 SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear statement of the purpose for which the school district exists.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school board believes that a mission statement should be adopted. The mission statement should be based on the beliefs and values of the community, should direct any change effort and should be the basis on which decisions are made. The school board, on behalf of and with extensive participation by the community, should develop a consensus among its members regarding the nature of the enterprise the school board governs, the purposes it serves, the constituencies it should consider, including student representation, and the results it intends to produce.

### **III. MISSION STATEMENT**

Albany Area Schools cultivates and nurtures engaged critical thinkers who are lifelong learners.

Beliefs:

1. A collaboration of students, staff, families, and community partners is essential to accomplish our mission.
2. Each person has the opportunity and responsibility to learn.
3. An encouraging environment of trust, respect, and security promotes learning.
4. Clear and high expectations promote success.
5. Creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking are vital for success.
6. Innovation and adaptation are integral to education.
7. Local and global citizenship are essential for thriving in an interconnected world.
8. Diverse perspectives are essential for growth.
9. Every student is ready for life beyond school.
10. Continuous learning is essential for personal fulfillment, opportunity, and success.

### **IV. REVIEW**

The school board will review the school district's mission when members of the board change. The school board will conduct a comprehensive review of the mission, including the beliefs and values of the community, every three to five years.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process for Reviewing Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement)  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180  
Minn. Rule Parts 3501.0200-3501.0270

***Cross References:***