

FOCUS FORWARD.

EDGEMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC GOAL

DISTRICT GOAL: As we prepare our students for life in a rapidly changing, interconnected world, we will design learning opportunities that engage students in deep understandings of themselves, others and the complex and evolving landscape around them.

COMPONENT ONE: UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF SELF

In these times when we are preparing students for careers that may not yet exist, students must be able to collaborate effectively with others, understand different viewpoints, and persist in the face of challenges. The latest educational research shows that when schools actively work to cultivate these skills in students, there is a positive effect on academic achievement, social integration, and mental health. We will create and maintain an educational program that supports the development of social, emotional, and academic behaviors to promote learning and well-being for all students. Self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making are behaviors and skills our robust curricula support.

COMPONENT TWO: UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF OTHERS

We will develop curricula, policies, and practices that value and support diversity, equity, and inclusion in education. Through purposeful exposure to multiple perspectives, cultures, and ideas in an inclusive environment, students can develop greater compassion, confidence, empathy and creativity. Developing a rich understanding of the importance of diversity and equity prepares students to be the leaders of the future and to make meaningful contributions to their communities.

COMPONENT THREE: CONNECTING LEARNING TO LIFE

When asked about what they are learning in the classroom or beyond the school setting, students will be able to meaningfully describe not just “what” but “why.” According to research in the area of growth mindset, students learn more deeply when the learning is relevant to their lives, connected to a broader purpose, and reflective of their own voice and agency. We will provide purposeful instruction to deepen student learning, regardless of the educational setting, across all content areas. Ultimately, students will not only understand the powerful connections of their learning to the world around them, but will embrace new opportunities, new questions, and new possibilities with courage and passion.