



Valley New School STRATEGIC PLAN

2023-2028 (Aligned with Charter Renewal)

Includes subactions for 2025-2026

Mission

To create a learning community that empowers individuals to become purposeful adults.

Vision Statement

Valley New School will continue to be a thriving Lab School that supports innovation in education and advanced growth for students.

Aim of Strategic Plan

To establish practices for sustainability and create the next generation of education.

Goal 1: Enhance positive image of VNS through public relations

- 1.1 Build relationships within the wider community
- 1.2 Continue to improve marketing
 - Governance Board focus on growing Endowment
 - CPC and Finance collaborate to come up goals
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Goal 2: Increase staff capacity

- 2.1 Seek quality personnel who can support VNS staff and students
 - Utilize Board, parent, AISA involvement/contribution
 - Increase transparency of Strategic Plan goals with all players, integrating their voices in goal-setting and action planning
- 2.2 Research appropriate professional development opportunities
- 2.3 Cultivate time to achieve necessary leadership tasks of Advisors
 - Designated staff time each week
 - Modify proposal/assessment calendar to create more time
 - Governance Board works to fill committees

Goal 3: Increase support for students

- 3.1 Have engaged students by developing a culture of Hope (Charter Goal #3)
 - Increase academic peer support through student project presentations/publication
 - Utilize language with students through advisory activities and individual meetings
- 3.2 Connect students with useful resources

Goal 4: Develop and support sustainability

- 4.1 Achieve target enrollment and develop the waitlist
- 4.2 Create a purposeful learning environment in a new school space
 - Continue facilities design and development
 - Governance Board advocates for remodeling
 - Train students in appropriate and purposeful use of time and space
- 4.3 Develop a sustainable spending plan with VNS resources

Goal 5: Excel in academics and innovation

- 5.1 Facilitate growth toward student mastery of project process (Charter Goal #2)
- 5.2 Create independent, self-motivated learners through personal learning plans and practices (Charter Goal #1)
 - Increase student productivity through time and task management training
 - Proposal expectations and accountability to proposal during assessments
 - Require students to present 3 different short-term projects throughout the year (including Event Night #1) & collaborative project for Event Night #3
- 5.3 Prepare students to continue educational path (Charter Goal #4)
- 5.4 Support achievement in standardized testing (Charter Goal #5)