

2024-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN

Update and Revision

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WHAT IS A STRATEGIC PLAN?

- To arrive at a destination, we need a map
 - To build a house, we need blueprints
 - To improve our self, we need goals
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- Our strategic plan is an articulation of our goals as a district (our destination, our house, or our self) and a plan to get there (our map, our blueprints, our goals)

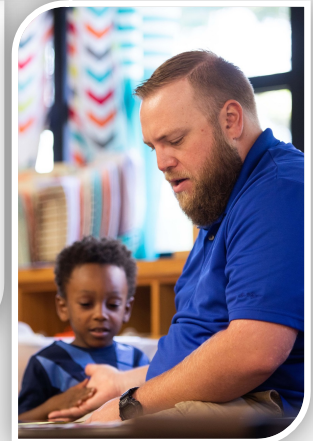
LEADING HEALTH

- Think in terms of systems
 - Think in terms of outcomes
 - Think in terms of core mission
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- The key question: “What can we do as a system that no one will or no one else is able to do?”

OUR VISION & MISSION

The Wichita Public Schools will be the premier district of choice, and inspire each student and staff member to thrive and become future ready within the greater community.

Wichita Public Schools prepares each student to achieve readiness for life, college and career through an innovative and impactful educational experience.



STUDENT SUCCESS OUTCOMES

Increase academic achievement and graduation rate.

By 2029, the WPS graduation rate will rise to 85%, increasing from 79.2% graduation rate in 2023.



Prepare students for life, college and career.

The percentage of students earning five or more postsecondary assets will reach 50% by 2029.

Create and enhance safety and belonging.

Increase the percentage of students that feel safe and connected to their school from 80.3% to 90% by 2029.

HOW DID WE ARRIVE AT THESE GOALS?

- Feedback on previous Strategic Plan
- Engaged 60+ internal and external stakeholders in a steering committee
- Partnered with research consultants to analyze survey and respondent feedback
- Goals align to KS State Board outcomes and KESA school improvement areas

WHAT IS NEXT?

- Our Core Mission – Continue to answer this question
- May 2026 – We will have feedback from the community survey that we will review to reshape the plan
- June 2026 – Final adjustments discussed
- July 2026 – Presentation of new goal language for the system

WPS Strategic Plan 2026-2029