

Growing Every Heart and Mind

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2029

Vision

District 35 empowers every child to reach their full potential as an **engaged** lifelong learner and **curious**, compassionate global citizen. We foster the development of the whole child to feel **valued** and **connected** within a nurturing, inclusive, and safe environment.



We believe in the importance of play and providing all children with ample opportunities for outdoor experiences to foster curiosity and connection in our schools.

Key Trends to Ground Our Work

The following themes support our overarching priority of nurturing the growth of every student's heart and mind and have become the strategic priorities of District 35:

Advancing Learning and Innovation

To inspire curiosity and innovation in our students, we provide learning experiences for staff and families that reflect best practices, expert knowledge, and mirror real-life experiences.

GOALS TO ADVANCE LEARNING AND INNOVATION:

- Create opportunities that inspire curiosity and a problem-solving approach for learning and growth for students and staff.
- Develop aligned and relevant learning that is responsive to students and staff to improve collaboration and effectiveness while supporting educational excellence.

Nurturing Wellness and Belonging

Research shows that academic excellence is only one component of preparing students for real-world challenges. Equally essential are social-emotional skills, including self-awareness, resilience, empathy, grit, expressing gratitude, and treating others with dignity.

GOALS TO NURTURE WELLNESS AND BELONGING:

- Provide a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for students and staff by prioritizing well-being and social-emotional learning.
- Foster a culture that treats all individuals with dignity, values diversity, and promotes open communication while nurturing a sense of belonging.
- Prioritize opportunities to share gratitude and celebrate accomplishments.

Deepening Connections

The partnership between school and home is key to developing the whole child—making communication, engagement, and partnership between parents and staff crucial. The more we nurture partnerships within and across our community, the more our students benefit.

GOALS TO DEEPEN CONNECTIONS:

- Communicate directly, clearly, and in a timely manner across the District 35 community.
- Encourage, educate, and provide opportunities for our families to be actively involved with their children's education.
- Nurture partnerships within and across communities to broaden perspectives and experiences.



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