

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64

Strategic Plan

BELIEFS

... An expression of
fundamental values; ethical
code, overriding convictions,
inviolable principles.

We believe that...

All people have inherent worth.

Quality education benefits everyone.

Everyone within our community is responsible for the education and development of our children.

The family environment has a major influence on the development of a child.

All people can be successful learners and continue to learn throughout their lives.

A safe, nurturing environment is essential to learning.

People grow through a variety of experiences, opportunities and adversities.

High expectations and a positive attitude result in higher performance.

Both cooperation and healthy competition are necessary to achieve excellence.

Effort, perseverance and self-discipline are necessary for people to achieve their personal best.

People are responsible for their actions and honoring their commitments.

Honesty and integrity are essential to build and sustain trusting relationships.

Everyone benefits from contributing to the well-being of others.

Understanding diversity is essential to thrive in an interdependent, global community.

Change is inevitable and challenges us to grow.

MISSION

...A declaration of the unique identity to which the organization aspires; its specific purpose; and the means by which it will achieve its purpose.

OBJECTIVES

... An uncompromising commitment to achieve specific, measurable, observable, or demonstrable results that exceed its present capability.

PARAMETERS

...Boundaries within which the organization will accomplish its mission; self-imposed limitations.

The mission of District 64, a vital partnership of staff, families and community, is to inspire all students to embrace learning, discover their strengths and achieve personal excellence in order to thrive in and contribute to a rapidly changing world by providing a rich, rigorous and innovative curriculum integrating civil behavior and fostering resilience.

All students will meet or exceed the District's targeted benchmarks for critical thinking, creative expression and problem solving.

Each student will identify, set and achieve personally challenging goals related to academics, civil behavior, talents, and interests.

We will always maintain safe, supportive learning environments.

We will not tolerate behavior that is demeaning or disrespectful to any individual or group.

School improvement plans will always be consistent with the strategic plan of the District.

No new program or service will be accepted unless it is consistent with the strategic plan, benefits clearly justify the costs, and provisions are made for professional development and program evaluation.

No program or service will be retained unless it provides an optimal contribution to the mission and benefits continue to justify the cost.

Student performance on the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISATs) will always compare favorably with other high-achieving districts.

Absent dire unforeseen financial circumstances, the District will honor its commitment to not seek a referendum before 2017.

We will always maintain programming that addresses the academic, social-emotional and physical development of the whole child.