



Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Strategic Plan

Journey of Excellence

Mission 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.

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.

Objectives

- 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.

Strategies

I: We will accelerate the use of advanced technology as an integral component of the educational program and to effectively manage our system.

II: We will develop and implement a system for setting, measuring and achieving personally challenging goals for each student related to academics, civil behavior, talents, and interests.

III: We will develop and implement plans to ensure all members of our vital partnership (staff, families, community members and organizations) are working collaboratively to help us achieve our mission.

IV: We will define and clarify expectations for student learning, ensure all staff effectively differentiate instruction, and use assessment data to support students in meeting or exceeding the District's targeted benchmarks.

V: We will develop and implement a protocol to ensure staff and community members understand, are committed to, and have the tools to carry out changes within the system that are needed to achieve our mission and objectives.

Parameters

1. We will always maintain safe, supportive learning environments.
2. We will not tolerate behavior that is demeaning or disrespectful to any individual or group.
3. School improvement plans will always be consistent with the strategic plan of the District.
4. 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.
5. No program or service will be retained unless it provides an optimal contribution to the mission and benefits continue to justify the cost.
6. Student performance on the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISATs) will always compare favorably with other high-achieving districts.
7. Absent dire unforeseen financial circumstances, the District will honor its commitment to not seek a referendum before 2017.
8. We will always maintain programming that addresses the academic, social emotional and physical development of the whole child.