



SKOKIE 73.5

Elizabeth Meyer School • John Middleton Elementary School • Oliver McCracken Middle School

DISTRICT 73.5 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Following are the District 73.5 guiding principles. The principles represent the best thinking of District 73.5 staff, families, students, and community members. This “living document” will continue to evolve as we grow and move forward.

Our guiding principles...

- Are intended to provide a clear sense of direction for our Strategic Plan, which will guide future curricular, extracurricular, financial, and system-wide initiatives
- Will help align and inspire future actions and decisions
- Will apply to all members of our school community — staff, families, students, members of the Board of Education, administrators, and residents of District 73.5

Our school will...

support and inspire our students.

Our students will be...

critical thinkers and creative problem solvers.

Our community will...

demonstrate integrity and respect.

Our graduates will...

help make the world a better place.

DISTRICT 73.5 EQUITY MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that inclusivity and belonging is the foundation for equity.

All children can learn, at high achievement levels, when equity is infused into every aspect of education.

At District 73.5, we acknowledge the systemic inequities present in school systems and recognize the impact they continue to have on marginalized communities. We commit to teaching, learning, and growing in order to identify and dismantle inequitable systems and to create a community where barriers are removed so that everyone can reach their full potential.

We believe that students succeed when they can see themselves represented in our staff, curriculum, opportunities, and our shared environment. We accomplish this through professional development, curriculum revision, community engagement, and systems evaluations.

We recognize the need to teach our students to identify the origins of unjust systems and empower them to use their critical thinking skills and agency to responsibly disrupt the policies and practices that perpetuate inequalities.