

Jackson School District Goals and Objectives

Goal 1:

Improve student learning and student performance for ALL students as measured by multiple and varied assessments.

Goal 2:

Improve student life and school climate through school-based and community-wide programs and experiences that promote communication and engagement.

Goal 3:

Improve student learning and preparation for the future through technology-enriched programs and experiences.

Goal 4:

Improve student learning by providing more opportunities for professional development for staff and parents and by annually assessing our progress.

# Goal 1:

Improve student learning and student performance for ALL students as measured by multiple and varied assessments.

# **OBJECTIVES:**

- District curriculum, instruction and assessments will exceed the expectations of NJ/Common Core and national standards, as well as prepare students for next generation assessments.
- 2. Students will engage in cross-content curriculum and research projects and a comprehensive language arts experience to help them read, write, speak, and communicate effectively during their lifelong pursuit of knowledge.
- 3. Students will be provided with multiple STEM experiences and have the opportunity to participate in hands-on projects and inquiry-based activities that are aligned with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- 4. Students will understand the history and cultures of our country and other nations in order to be prepared to thrive in a diverse, evolving global society.
- 5. The district will honor and develop linguistic diversity by providing a world language program and experiences that promote strong communication in both written and spoken form.
- 6. Students will gain an appreciation of the fine and performing arts through formal instruction and through experiences and resources that expose them to the many ways they can develop and express their artistic, musical, dramatic, and creative selves.
- 7. Students will become lifelong learners of health and wellness through participating in athletic activities that develop and encourage healthy decision making, appropriate social skills, and lifelong physical fitness in and outside of the educational setting.
- 8. Students will have expanded opportunities to link academics to career through electives, work experiences, higher education, internships, mentoring, and service learning -- all of which are designed to promote scholarship, character, and initiative.

These Goals and Objectives were created with the assistance of the Jackson School District's Strategic Planning Committee, which recommended them to the Board of Education in 2015.

### **GOAL 2**:

Improve student life and school climate through school-based and community-wide programs and experiences that promote communication and engagement.

# **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. Schools will be clean, safe, and welcoming environments with an atmosphere of inclusion, acceptance and mutual respect, where students can develop emotionally, physically and intellectually.
- 2. The district will promote and celebrate character development, social relationships and good citizenship, which foster a positive learning environment that benefits the entire school community.
- 3. Through collaboration, students, staff, families, and community will develop and nurture the overall well being of all students.
- 4. Students will be able to explore and develop their interests through a variety of curricular and co-curricular activities.
- 5. Students will be given multiple opportunities to develop individual life and career plans.
- 6. An emphasis will be placed on developing student and community relationships in order to promote personal growth, civic responsibility, and environmental awareness.

### GOAL 3:

Improve student learning and preparation for the future through technology-enriched programs and experiences.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. The district will enhance technology-driven, interactive instructional practices to improve student learning.
- 2. Students will demonstrate a sound understanding of ethical, respectful, and responsible use of technology.
- 3. Students will critically explore both local and global issues to plan, research and manage projects that explore or address issues and challenges.
- 4. Students and teachers will apply technological tools to gather, evaluate and use information to communicate and collaborate, both locally and globally.
- 5. Students will utilize technology and employ creative thinking to develop innovative products.

### GOAL 4:

Improve student learning by providing more opportunities for professional development for staff and parents and by annually assessing our progress.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. Teachers will use reliable data and their understanding of students' needs to design learning opportunities that motivate students to succeed beyond their expectations.
- 2. The district will expand opportunities to involve and inform parents and the community on curriculum, assessment, district, and school events.
- 3. Teachers will engage in meaningful and appropriate professional learning experiences aligned with the needs of the students, the school, and the district.
- 4. The district will support staff-generated professional development topics and offer collaborative opportunities that address the varied needs and interests of all staff and students.