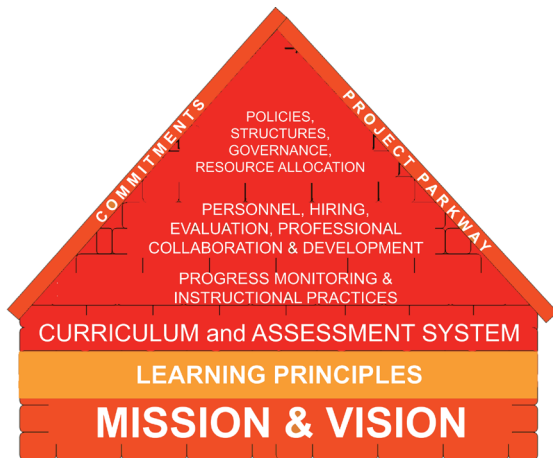


Parkway School District



Project Parkway 2.0

MISSION

The mission of the Parkway School District is to ensure all students are capable, curious, caring and confident learners who understand and respond to the challenges of an ever-changing world.

VISION

We succeed when each student and each graduate:

- transfers prior learning to new demands, in and out of school
- is fully prepared for future educational challenges
- is a creative, thoughtful and effective problem solver
- is increasingly a self-directed, skilled and persistent learner
- is a literate and critical consumer of information and ideas
- speaks articulately and listens effectively
- acts out of a strong sense of personal, social and civic responsibility
- seeks to understand the views, values and cultures of others
- works skillfully with others to achieve common goals
- pursues a personal direction based on individual talents and interests

LEARNING PRINCIPLES

The conditions for optimal learning are observable in our classrooms and confirmed by educational research.

As a learning institution, we want to ensure each student is successful in these areas:

- understands the purpose and outcomes of learning as well as the standards required for success
- transfers learning to new situations beyond the classroom and school
- makes meaning of content within helpful conceptual frameworks and multiple contexts
- uses feedback to improve products, performances, key skills and transfer of learning
- self-assesses and self-adjusts individual learning through reflection against rigorous goals
- constructs new knowledge by building on prior knowledge and activating earlier ideas
- tests ideas, takes intellectual risks and learns from mistakes in pursuit of understanding
- experiences learning challenges that match individual abilities, needs and interests
- realizes that the capacity to learn is not fixed; ability and understanding can always improve

COMMITMENTS

To accomplish our mission, we will implement the following action plan:

- value the uniqueness of students and believe in their ability to learn and succeed
- engage students in meaningful learning through a guaranteed, viable district curriculum that is rigorous and relevant
- ensure students experience respectful learning environments that are safe, welcoming and well-designed
- support the health, well-being, integrity and character development of students
- maintain a culture of accountability in which all departments, schools and programs collect and report relevant data on their progress toward Mission-driven goals
- develop and support strong professional communities that utilize data, knowledge, experience and research to improve practice and accomplish goals
- build positive relationships among students, families, staff and the broader community
- responsibly and efficiently allocate resources including finances, facilities, personnel and time
- cultivate the creativity and diversity of talents within all students
- recruit, employ, develop and retain an exceptional staff dedicated to representing Parkway's diverse community

