

Westwood Public Schools
Strategy for District Improvement
2018-2021

VISION:

Graduates of the Westwood Public Schools are skilled, confident, curious, and kind:
excited for their futures and ready to contribute to their communities

MISSION:

To prepare students for college, career, and civic life by providing
rich and challenging curriculum, high-quality instruction, and authentic educational experiences

CORE VALUES:

Academic excellence and a commitment to improvement
Curiosity and tenacity
Respectful relationships in a caring, collaborative community

Objectives	2018-2019 Priorities
1. Meaningful Learning Experiences	1.1 Continue to explore and implement inquiry-based STEM initiatives. 1.2 Expand and invest in programs and practices that provide authentic, student-centered learning. 1.3 Explore options for instructional time that integrate an ambitious educational vision with the developmental needs of students.
2. Coherent, Connected Curriculum	2.1 Improve student reading and writing outcomes by aligning curriculum and instruction PreK - 12. 2.2 Promote coaching, peer observation and peer feedback within and across schools in order to help students progress toward learning goals from year to year/building to building without unnecessary repetition or gaps. 2.3 Develop a manageable approach to common assessment that provides educators, students and parents information about student learning
3. Healthy and Supported School Community	3.1 Develop and implement a district wide plan for meeting students' social and emotional learning needs. 3.2 Implement programs and instructional practices that recognize and support the needs of students and families in an increasingly diverse community. 3.3 Expand efforts to help students navigate the technology-infused environment in a way that is safe, effective, healthy, and well-balanced.
4. Facilities for the Future	4.1 Secure state financial support for a school building project. 4.2 Engage residents in open dialogue about the qualities of school facilities that will support the next generation of Westwood students. 4.3 Conduct a comprehensive security audit of facilities and protocols and begin to implement priority recommendations.