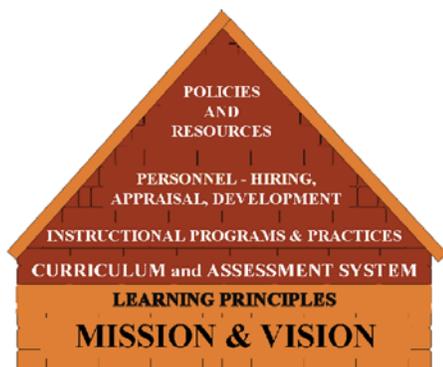


# Parkway School District



**Together We Can!**

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

## **VISION**

We succeed when all our students and graduates are:

- able to transfer their prior learning to new demands, in and out of school
- fully prepared for their next educational challenges
- creative, thoughtful and effective problem solvers
- increasingly self-directed, skilled and persistent as learners
- literate and critical consumers of information and ideas
- articulate speakers and effective listeners
- acting out of a strong sense of personal, social and civic responsibility
- always seeking to understand the views, values and cultures of others
- working skillfully with others to achieve common goals
- pursuing a personal direction based on an understanding of their talents and interests

## **COMMITMENTS**

*Draft #1*

To accomplish our mission, the Parkway School District will:

- be a national leader in education by guaranteeing quality, integrity and innovation
- foster a school community that recognizes the uniqueness of students and believes in their ability to learn and succeed
- engage students in relevant learning through a guaranteed, viable district curriculum that is rigorous and worthwhile
- ensure students experience respectful learning environments that are safe, welcoming and well-designed
- support the health, well-being and character development of students
- build positive relationships among students, parents, staff and the broader community
- maintain a culture of accountability in which all departments, schools and programs collect and report relevant data on their progress toward mission-driven goals
- recruit, employ and retain the most exceptional staff members who are dedicated to educating the diverse Parkway community
- cultivate strong professional communities that utilize data, knowledge, experience and research to improve practice and accomplish goals
- nurture an appreciation of the role the arts play in our lives and culture

## **LEARNING PRINCIPLES**

*Draft #3*

As a learning institution, we commit to ensuring learners:

- understand the purpose and outcomes of their learning as well as the standards required for success
- make meaning of content and learn with understanding
- self-assess their work and learning through reflection and setting rigorous goals
- test ideas, take intellectual risks and make mistakes in pursuit of understanding
- make use of feedback to improve skills, products and performances
- experience learning challenges that match their needs and personal interests
- engage their initial understandings before learning new concepts and ideas
- construct new knowledge by building on and accessing their current knowledge
- understand facts and ideas within a conceptual framework and the context of meaningful problems
- know that intelligence is not fixed and therefore everyone can improve their abilities and understanding