

2022-2025

STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION

The mission of Decatur Public Schools is to unlock students' unique and limitless potential to achieve their personal aspirations as fully prepared, contributing citizens in a global society.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Engage in complete learning experience that develops whole person & fully prepares them for their future

Explore & develop emerging talents & interests to fulfill unique potential & live it with passion, courage, & confidence

Respect, value, & embrace diversity

Serve community with pride, purpose, & passion

VISION

DPS will ensure educational learning experiences distinguished by

- commitment to the whole person resulting in student growth and confidence
- relevant, innovative, personalized academic pathways that promote passion and pride
- a learning environment that fosters curiosity and the thirst for achievement and discovery
- a culture of diversity, adaptability, and resilience
- meaningful and lasting relationships
- extraordinary school and community connections

GOAL AREAS



GOAL #1: STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Ensure unique, innovative learning experiences for all students



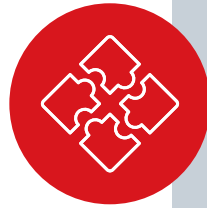
GOAL #2: STUDENT ENVIRONMENTS

Ensure a student-focused environment that expands learning beyond the traditional expectations to engage students

BELIEFS

A strong school system creates a healthy community, and enthusiastic community support is vital to successful schools. We believe that...

- The development of the whole person is essential.
- Equal opportunity requires that each person has the right and the ability to learn in a style and at a pace tailored to individual needs.
- The greatest success is achieved through valuing and incorporating ideas and beliefs of a diverse group of people.
- Learning and high expectations need not to be limited by background and circumstance.
- Learning becomes more meaningful when it is connected to real-life situations.
- An optimal learning experience is built on meaningful relationships and a welcoming, physically secure, and emotionally supportive environment.
- Taking risks, overcoming setbacks, and celebrating successes lead to personal growth.



GOAL #3: WHOLE STUDENT

Establish a support network that will identify and address students' physical, social/emotional, and mental health needs to allow each student to reach their full potential



GOAL #4: STAFF

Attract and retain talented and invested staff by ensuring they feel valued and supported



GOAL #5: COMMUNITY

Create and foster mutually beneficial relationships throughout the community

COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS

Make decisions in the best interest of all students

Treat all people with dignity and respect

Seek input and collaboration throughout our diverse community

Communicate clearly and honestly

Practice responsible stewardship of all our resources



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