

East Peoria Elementary School District #86 Community & School Collaborative Plan

Curriculum and Instruction

Strategic Goal:

Meet the educational needs of each student by providing standards-aligned curriculum and differentiated instruction to ensure maximum student growth as measured by research-based assessments.

Strategies:

- Utilize student data to develop curricular and instructional initiatives.
- Differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students.
- Promote articulation of curriculum and instruction which encompasses grades preK-12.
- Establish a plan to address more student instructional time throughout the year.
- Develop a 5-year curriculum renewal calendar to be reviewed on a yearly basis.
- Identify researched-based interventions to promote student learning

Climate/Culture

Strategic Goal:

Establish and maintain a positive school culture and climate for students and staff that is safe and conducive to learning.

Strategies:

- Establish and maintain positive behavior programs in all schools.
- Develop and maintain a student leadership program at K-8.
- Provide an engaged classroom setting by implementing interactive learning.
- Involve students in community service.
- Continue and enhance an inclusive decision-making process with all staff members in order to encourage a positive work environment.
- Provide opportunities for staff to promote camaraderie and cohesiveness.

Facilities/Finance/Transportation/Safety

Strategic Goal:

Provide safe, progressive learning environments and core support services while being good stewards of community and district resources.

Strategies:

- Develop a comprehensive facility master plan for the district.
- Develop a long-term collaborative transportation strategy.
- Sustain collaboration with local and county governments in the areas of resource sharing and revenue generation.
- Evaluate security needs at each facility and annually review and update the district crisis management plan.
- Pursue alternative funding sources to support educational programs and all available options for maintaining fiscal stability.

Faculty & Staff/Professional Development

Strategic Goal:

Recruit, employ, develop, and retain a diverse high-quality staff that reinforces the district's commitment to quality education.

Strategies:

- Establish and maintain partnerships with local universities to identify qualified candidates.
- Research the Professional Developmental School model to determine the feasibility for the district.
- Offer positions with competitive salaries, benefits, and incentives.
- Provide targeted professional developmental opportunities including workshops, seminars, mentoring, and avenues toward National Board certification.

Health/Wellness

Strategic Goal:

Promote an environment that encompasses the health and well-being of the whole person through the continuum of life.

Strategies:

- Hire district-wide Community Liaison to identify needs and provide supportive care for students, families, and staff.
- Provide professional development opportunities in health education.
- Plan and deliver uniform district-wide educational/supportive forums.
- Offer programs for students that encourage activity throughout the day.
- Invite community health/wellness resources to provide clinics and educational opportunities to the district.

Partnerships/Communication/Parents

Strategic Goal:

Develop, engage, and maintain proactive relationships and collaborative communications with staff, students, families, and the community.

Strategies:

- Develop a process to communicate expectations to preschools and parents of preschoolers of incoming District #86 Kindergarten students.
- Create opportunities for family enrichment classes through community resources.
- Expand opportunities to host events to encourage district residents to visit and utilize our facilities.
- Enhance partnerships with community groups and organizations (such as Rotary, Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, Park District, City Government, etc.) to utilize community resources and to establish and administer after-school and mentoring programs in our facilities.
- Expand interactive technology-based communications systems (i.e. “One Call” system, instant e-mail and SMS (text) alerts) between the district and its families.
- Continue and strengthen relationships with Parent-Teacher Clubs.
- Encourage families within the District to take part in regular “Visit your school Day/Night” opportunities.
- Explore ways to increase levels of mutually beneficial articulation in curriculum, facilities usage, etc., with East Peoria High School District 309.
- Enhance partnerships with all area media outlets.

Technology

Strategic Goal:

Provide access to and maintain state-of-the-art technology to facilitate learning and engagement among students, families, and staff.

Strategies:

- Provide after-hour access to technology (i.e. school computer labs, library hours).
- Develop a plan to provide students access to instruction outside the classroom.
- Establish fiscally prudent standards for the purchase and maintenance of hardware and software deployed throughout the district.
- Integrate technical systems within buildings and across the district.
- Provide appropriate and safe computing environment.