

Academic Vision

The Galena School District is committed to providing the curriculum and resources necessary to meet the needs of all students. Advances in technology coupled with our nation's need to be competitive in an expanding global economy are the driving forces behind the Board of Education's belief that curriculum and its presentation must evolve. This evolution should occur in a manner that ensures that our graduates are competitive in a global market. The Board is committed to the expansion of foreign language instruction and the development of vocational programs that are aligned with the future needs of society. College course offering should also be expanded so that the transition from high school to college is as seamless as possible. The Board has established the following target goals as benchmarks to measure the effectiveness of our academic programs:

The percent of students scoring proficient or above on the Kansas State Math and Reading Assessments will increase by 10% each year unless the cohort group has met the AYP target goal. If the target goal has been met, the benchmark will be set at a 3% minimum increase. If the State Standard of Excellence has been met, the building will only be expected to maintain that standard.

All cohort groups will score at the 60th percentile or demonstrate improvement in areas where that benchmark has been achieved on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Extra-Curricular Vision

The Board of Education believes that extra-curricular activities play a vital role in the development of a well-rounded individual. Therefore, the Galena School District is devoted to maintaining and improving all of its extra-curricular programs. The Board of Education is committed to providing the resources necessary to increase the number of students who participate in all extra-curricular activities over the next five years. It is vital that the district and its stakeholders provide the necessary training and support to ensure that we continue to be competitive in those activities in which competition is the gauge used to measure success. Because service to others is a critical component of good citizenship, the district is also dedicated to expanding opportunities within our community through classroom activities and service clubs.

Facilities Vision

The Galena School District is fortunate to have outstanding facilities. It has always been a priority of the Board of Education to ensure that students are provided an environment that is conducive to learning. Although the current facilities are in excellent condition, it is important that they are adequately maintained to ensure that they continue to serve the needs of our students. The Board has targeted two areas for improvement. The first is our science classrooms which are adequate, but lack the space and equipment necessary for a state of the art science education. Our physical education facilities are the second area targeted for improvement. The current facilities need updating to ensure that the fitness needs of our students are appropriately met. The members of the Board of Education will continue to work toward the remediation of these shortfalls.

School Climate Vision

Although the stakeholders of the Galena School District continually strive to provide a safe learning environment for their students, it would be naive to believe that we do not have some students who struggle with bullying. It is a priority of the district to eliminate bullying through proper education of both the staff and the students. It is also critical that when such incidents occur that a clear message is sent through appropriate consequences that bullying will not be tolerated.

Technology Vision

Because the advances in technology are ever-changing, it is essential that students develop strategies necessary to adapt to those changes. Problem solving skills are not only essential to life-long learning, but are a key component in the mastery of technology. In turn, students who are able to effectively apply their technological skills will be able to utilize those skills as a means to becoming an even better problem solver. Therefore, it is the goal of the Galena School District to keep up with developing technological advances and provide our students with the necessary skills to effectively utilize and apply that technology to solve problems.