

Mission:

AOS 98 mission is to ensure that all students have multiple opportunities to acquire knowledge, skills, and personal values to be productive citizens, learners, and workers in a rapidly changing world.

Beliefs:

About learning AOS 98 believes

- Student learning is an active process where students are engaged in meaningful learning opportunities.
- Students learn best when provided clear expectations and a safe learning environment.
- Students are individuals with unique learning styles.

About teaching and teachers AOS 98 believes

- Effective educators have high expectations for all students and provide the support for all students to meet their potential.
- Effective educators have high expectations for themselves.
- Effective educators create a safe and positive learning environment in their classrooms and schools.
- Effective educators are student-focused, flexible and value learning.

About learning communities AOS 98 believes

- Learning communities are positive, safe and nurturing environments that embrace academic risks.
- As a learning community, we value deep and critical discussions about teaching and learning.
- Learning communities require a strong link between school, home and the community.

GOALS:

Student Achievement and Learning

- Student achievement is monitored using multiple tools to provide students and teachers with timely and actionable feedback about student learning.
- An emphasis is placed on learner growth in the areas of creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.
- Student learning balances knowledge and understanding of core content with the opportunity to explore personal interests and passions.
- Students must be provided with multiple opportunities to learn and demonstrate their learning in various ways, while receiving necessary supports.

(Climate) Schools and Community

- Staff, students, parents, and community members have a clear focus that is collaborative and recognizes that all stakeholders must participate in the education of our students.
- Relationships are the cornerstone of engagement and excitement for learning and are developed in an atmosphere of open communication, trust, cooperation, honesty and accountability.
- The communities of AOS 98 are committed to providing the necessary resources for a quality education of our students.
- Opportunities are provided for shared decision-making and leadership for members of the AOS 98 community.

Curriculum and Standards

- Rigorous standards and high expectations are maintained for all learners.
- Students must be provided with a coherent and viable curriculum.
- Student outcomes must be clearly articulated, accessible, and transparent to all.
- Student learning outcomes should be standards-based and inform curriculum development, academic progression, graduation outcomes, and teacher and administrator accountability.

Professional Practice

- Effective teaching and leading is supported by well developed and functioning collaborative learning communities.
- Continuous learning requires effective just in time professional development.
- Utilize current digital tools and resources for teaching, learning, and growth.
- All staff members are expected to meet or exceed performance expectations.