

Sheffield Junior High School

SJHS Improvement Plan 2019-2020

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Vision

Prepare students to grow academically and personally through innovation, collaboration, and creative problem solving.

Mission

We will create a climate of high academic expectations, positive relationships, and attainment of 21st Century skills.

Beliefs

We value high expectations of learning for ALL students. We will meet the needs of our students through unsurpassed collaboration. We believe learning happens when academic content is infused with real-world applications as students apply STEM in local and global context.

Student Engagement

- Objectives**
- The faculty and staff will implement a STEM centered curriculum to increase students engagement.

- Critical Initiatives**
- Teachers will have dedicated time to collaborate and plan lessons that connect content areas. Research (Hattie - 2016) indicates that teachers working together have greater impact on learning.
 - The school will provide physical resources to facilitate STEM learning for all students. Teachers will have the materials and space required to implement the learning.
 - Teachers will participate in professional development on how to integrate STEM learning experiences.
 - Teachers will facilitate hands-on learning experiences and connect content areas.

Family Engagement

- Objectives**
- The school will improve parent communication and increase parent participation.

- Critical Initiatives**
- The school will create a monthly newsletter that provides calendars, educational information, and lists of activities/resources available for parents in the school.
 - The school will create a calendar of events that will include activities directly related to parents and their role in the education of their students.

Accountability

- Objectives**
- Teachers will create assessments based on grade-level standards.

- Critical Initiatives**
- Teachers will identify the grade level standard and the DOK level of each item on each assessment.
 - Teachers will have professional development on creating tests that are reliable and reflect the learning of grade level standards.
 - Teachers will collaborate on student learning through data meetings and collaborative planning meetings