

Policy 1002: Caldwell School District Mission and Vision

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The purpose of a high school diploma is to declare that a student is ready for success in post-secondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship, and is equipped with the skills to be a lifelong learner.

OUR MISSION: ~~Our purpose is to empower the whole child to achieve personal goals and strengthen our communities.~~ Nurturing growth, eliminating obstacles, strengthening community.

OUR VISION: ~~Caldwell School District is a safe and supportive learning environment where all students graduate ready to pursue their personal, post-high school goals as self-motivated, productive members of their community.~~ Destination Education

OUR VALUES: ~~We believe in...~~

- Making student-centered decisions. We ensure students are at the center of every decision we make as evidenced by allowing students to share in decisions, believing in their capacity to lead, and remembering how it feels to learn.
- Acting with integrity. We model transparency and honesty to build trust, relationships, and community.
- ~~Honoring the diversities within our district.~~ Valuing the diversity within our district. We build upon the strength of our diversity and individuality by creating inclusive and supportive learning environments where students feel cared for, safe, valued, embraced, and accepted.
- Building family and community partnerships. We work in partnership with children, families, and our community to support the whole child.
- ~~Empowering our students to take responsibility for their learning.~~ Inspiring and preparing scholars to achieve their post-secondary goals. We prepare our scholars to make choices for their future through a shared commitment to high levels of learning. We recognize that literacy is foundational.
- Creating a caring, supportive learning environment where all students can grow academically, emotionally, and socially. We strive to meet the individual needs of every student and provide a positive learning environment which nurtures each student's desire to be successful physically, intellectually, and socially.

OUR GOALS:

- Our students will develop critical thinking skills.
- Our students will be literate.
- Our students will value themselves, others, and their community.
- Our students will learn the value of social interactions and build positive relationships.
- Our students will learn in and contribute to safe and supportive schools.
- We will respect the voices of students, families, and the community in the educational process.

MIND FRAMES FOR TEACHERS:

- I am an evaluator of my impact.
 - I am a change agent.
 - I explicitly inform students what success looks like from the outset.
 - I see assessment as providing feedback to me about my impact.
 - I work with other teachers to develop common conceptions of progress.
 - I engage in dialogue more than monologue.
 - I strive for challenge and not "doing your best".
 - I use the language of learning.
 - I see errors as opportunities for learning.
 - I collaborate.
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