

RSU 18 Mission Statement

*Engaging Students – Strengthening Communities –
Creating Global Leaders*

RSU 18 Shared Vision Draft

RSU 18 is a community where...

All students are prepared to succeed in society by demonstrating mastery of a common set of rigorous standards. Parents, educators, business leaders, and community members are cooperative partners to help guide learning.

All students are creative problem solvers, critical thinkers, self-directed learners, effective communicators, collaborative workers, environmental stewards, and productive, healthy citizens. Students have a voice in their education and share in the development of individual learning plans guided by a dedicated and passionate staff.

All students engage in creative and innovative learning strategies. They use technology and other tools to connect to the world outside the classroom.

Students pursue multiple pathways inside and outside the classroom to achieve their learning goals. Learning takes place without boundaries of time and space.

All students are successful leaders and contributors to their community, nation, and world.

RSU 18 Core Values & Beliefs

LEARNER-CENTERED EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

- We believe that clear and measurable standards should exist for all students and that our curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development should align with these educational standards.
- We believe that a standards-based system should measure each student against this set of clear expectations.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING SCHEDULES

- We believe that school schedules should be flexible, allowing all students to learn without boundaries of time or space.

INDIVIDUALIZATION

- We value a wide variety of personalized educational opportunities for all students. These include using individual learning plans, multiple pathways, flexible grouping, and standards-based programming.
- We believe students should be grouped by proficiency levels rather than age/grade levels.

TECHNOLOGY LEADER

- We value students and staff using cutting-edge technology effectively to enhance their learning experience.

PREPARATION FOR REAL WORLD

- We believe that RSU No. 18 should prepare all students with the 21st Century skills necessary to be productive citizens in our global society.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: WHOLE CHILD

- We believe that health, wellness, and safety are essential components of a student's complete educational experience.
- We believe that a RSU No. 18 education should include the values of rigorous and relevant academics, a healthy lifestyle, good citizenship, and ethical and moral behavior.

TEACHER – STUDENT RELATIONSHIP

- We value students and staff working together as collaborators within a student-centered learning environment.
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COMMUNITY/EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

- We believe that schools and businesses should work together to offer mentoring, job shadowing, and business apprenticeships, and that these types of experiences should become a regular part of the students' educational experience.
- We believe that this type of community collaboration will provide students with relevant, real-world applications for their learning.¹

¹¹ RSU No. 18 School Board Adoption: October 13, 2010