

Stepping Forward into the Future with McKinley-Thatcher Elementary

Our Journey

Over the last six months, the McKinley-Thatcher community has undertaken the process of creating a long-term strategic plan with the goal of ensuring that our priorities are aligned with our community's desires for educating our children. Our work also centered around creating a clear statement of our mission and vision.

Our strategic plan, mission, and vision will guide McKinley-Thatcher through the next three years as we further develop our existing experiential education programs, foster individualized learning for each student, and continue to create an environment of professional excellence.

Mission

McKinley-Thatcher fosters a love of learning through experiential education, individualized approaches, and supporting the growth of the whole child.

Vision

McKinley-Thatcher inspires **authentic, joyful learners** who are ready to explore the world. Students achieve academic excellence supported by teachers and staff who create **21st century learning environments** and foster **social and emotional development**.

Areas of Focus

McKinley-Thatcher has four core focus areas for 2018-2021 which support the mission and vision of our school.

1. **Experiential Learning**: Develop **authentic** learning experiences by providing a **hands-on** environment for **inquiry, community connection**, and exploration of **global perspectives**.
2. **Individualized Learning**: Research and implement learning approaches that enhance **individualized goal setting** and **student preference** for **demonstrating skills and progress**.
3. **Social and Emotional Growth**: Support and facilitate opportunities for students to acquire the skills necessary to **manage emotions**, have **empathy**, develop **resilience**, and maintain **positive relationships** in our inclusive community.
4. **Organizational Excellence**: Provide a **progressive** and **supportive** community that recruits, retains, and develops educators committed to supporting the **21st century learner**.

