

Califon Public School

Shared Vision Statement

Introduction:

A shared school vision is a written statement that is developed with input from all of the school community's stakeholder groups. Specifically, the written statement describes, in detail; what the school's educational program and overall environment should look like in the present and in the future.

A shared vision is generally based on a set of core beliefs to which the school community can come to consensus. School improvement priorities should then be aligned with the shared vision.

The Califon Public School Shared Vision Statement

The Califon Public School is comprised of engaged and motivated students who are provided with opportunities to think creatively and practice good citizenship. Technology is integrated into the learning process, including communication with outside experts to create a connection with a global community beyond the physical school. An emphasis is placed on problem solving and preparation for living and working in a 21st century world. Exposure to world languages is important throughout the grade levels. An emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) serves to motivate students to achieve "beyond the core." Art, music, health /physical education, extra- curricular activities, great literature, and knowledge of world cultures are all critical components that serve to address the whole child.

Teachers respect and guide the students in the learning process. Appropriate rigor and differentiation is provided daily and a love of learning is instilled in all of the students. Teachers collaborate regularly with their colleagues across curricula in order to provide a focused and coherent educational program. Ongoing articulation with colleagues from other districts is encouraged.

The school administration provides exemplary management, professional development, resources, and thought leadership. Teaching is viewed as a team effort where collaboration is promoted, but where individual teaching standards are measured and highest performers rewarded to ensure the very best school experience.

Communication with parents and the community is ongoing and concerns are addressed in a proactive manner. Volunteerism and support provided by the parents and members of the community at large is encouraged.

In essence; the Califon Public School represents a safe and secure learning environment complemented through mutual support and respect among all of the school district's stakeholder groups.

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