

THORNWILDE ELEMENTARY ENHANCING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT POLICY



SCHOOL MISSION AND BELIEFS STATEMENT

The mission of Thornwilde Elementary School is to:

Thornwilde Elementary is committed to providing a positive, enriching and challenging learning environment to help all children reach their full potential. Through rigorous instruction, employing 21st century skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity, we strive to make all students lifelong learners and productive positive members of society.

We believe:

1. All students can learn and achieve in a positive, safe, disciplined environment in which they feel trusted, supported and have a sense of belonging.
2. A positive partnership among students, families, school and community is essential to promote student growth and development.
3. All students should be given every opportunity for growth academically, socially and emotionally.
4. That instruction should have differentiation to meet all students' needs
5. Students should be given many opportunities to engage in academic discourse, writing and projects that help them to deepen their knowledge and understanding of content.
6. Students should be given opportunities to think critically, create, communicate, collaborate and write to deepen their knowledge and share their knowledge locally and globally in all subject areas daily.
7. High expectations should be set for all students, and students should be given opportunities to become accountable for their learning.
8. Teachers should create/design challenging and engaging activities for students.
9. Teachers should continually read, study, learn, and grow so that students are taught with the most recent research-based practices.
10. Teachers should work collaboratively with one another to plan and implement curriculum, analyze student work, determine student needs and develop strategies to meet these needs.

PROCEDURES

In order to carry out our school's mission and to accomplish Kentucky's Learning Goals, we will:

- Develop SBDM policies, which contribute either directly or indirectly to accomplishing this mission.
- Develop SBDM policies, which contribute either directly or indirectly to enhancing student achievement by improving teaching and learning at our school for each and every student.
- Complete an annual needs assessment including but not limited to analyzing student performance on the state testing.
- Annually revise our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan to address identified needs. The council will be responsible for adopting CSIP and conducting Implementation and Impact checks to monitor it.
- Budget and hire to support our School Improvement Plan.

POLICY EVALUATION

We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through our School Improvement Planning Process.

Date Adopted: 11/13/13

Date Reviewed or Revised: _____ Council Chairperson’s Initials _____

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