

# Teaching and Learning

## What do we want for our learners?



**St. Cloud Area School District**

*Learning for a lifetime. It's our promise to you.*

## ***We want all our learners to be successful...***

***This means: We need to create flexible, adaptable environments that support a variety of learning styles***

- Flexible/adaptable learning spaces
  - Moveable walls
  - Tables rather than desks
- Variety of sized learning spaces
- Distance learning and on-line
- Formal and informal learning spaces
- Flexibility/agility to change delivery models
- Maximize multi-purpose nature of all spaces



***We want our learners to feel safe and have a sense of community both in and out of the school environment...***

***This means: We need to create a space for community within the school and for students in the community***

- Space for community partners
- Sense of belonging
- Celebrate the uniqueness of St. Cloud area
- Place-based learning
- Welcoming and accessible to parents



## ***We want our learners to be competitive in the world...***

***This means: We need to create a world class education that supports both college and career readiness***

- Access to world and local communities
- Look to best practices for future
- Support programs such as Pro-start, Project Lead the Way
- Look at local businesses such as Healthcare, manufacturing, business services
- Create business partnerships where students run and manage the business



***We want our learners to be equitably connected to resources...***

***This means: We need a technology rich environment that promotes learning anytime, anyplace***

- Use of virtual technology – connections to world
- Tech centers with genius bars and informal learning
- Wireless everywhere
- Extended day access for those without wifi
- Ability to move with the technology
- I-Pad minis (being rolled out)
- Flexible technology, ie Mediascapes



***We want our learners to have hands-on, relevant learning experiences...***

***This means: We need to support career technical, business, and STEAM education through appropriate partnerships and space***

- Space for applied learning
- Student run businesses
- Building pads for construction of housing
- High tech bio tech (Agriculture)
- Broadcast facilities
- High tech Math/science labs
- Maker spaces



***We want our learners to understand that learning is integrated and not discipline specific...***

***This means: We need to break down traditional silos between subjects and promote teacher collaboration***

- Integration of learning – for example, STEAM
- Interdisciplinary learning
- Spaces that allow team teaching
- Fine arts programs integrated and visible to community
- Eliminate teacher owned learning spaces
- Integrate environment into learning



***We want our learners to be supported by staff that work collaboratively to promote best practices...***

***This means: we need to support our staff through professional development and create professional work space for collaboration***

- Staff collaboration spaces
- Diversity of staff considered
- Large and small group space for professional development





***We want our learners to have opportunities throughout the community...***

***This means: we will work to support partnerships with businesses and high ed institutions in the St. Cloud area***

- Identify what makes this community special
- Support partners and services in High Schools
- Create more community and business partnerships
- Develop internship opportunities for students
- Look at regional opportunities



***We want our learners to have a completed high school experience rich with opportunities beyond traditional academics...***

***This means: We need to support the arts, activities and athletics***

- Great athletic facilities
- Performance – auditorium and smaller venues (multi-purpose)
- Equitable access to programming/assets
- Indoor track?



## ***We want our learners to feel welcomed into our schools...***

***This means: Our schools need to address the physical needs of students by being safe, comfortable, and aesthetically welcoming with lots of daylight***

- Natural lighting
- Outdoor learning
- Security - passive and active
- Appropriately sized/located restrooms with PA
- Safe parking, bus, parent drop-off
- Embracing social, emotional and cultural needs of all students

