

**School District Goals and Objectives**

The Board of Education is charged on behalf of the patrons of the district with the responsibility of determining the goals of the Marionville R-9 School District. It is the commitment of the Board to develop policies, rules and regulations to implement goals within each area.

Furthermore, it is the commitment of the Board to review annually and restate as necessary the goals and objectives applicable to district operations as well as those for each administrative and/or instructional level.

The Marionville R-9 Board of Education, recognizing its responsibility in formulating goals does hereby state the following goals:

1. Instruction is our top priority.
2. We shall achieve excellence in all curricular and extra-curricular programs.
3. We shall establish conditions in our schools which maximize achievement and success for all students.
4. We shall equip all students with knowledge, skills and competencies needed for future success in school, in the work place and in advanced studies.
5. We shall provide the knowledge and skills learned in the traditional core subjects and will also stress new academic and work related (transformational) skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, effective communication and learning to learn skills.
6. Curriculum and methods of instruction will be adapted to provide a match between what realistically requires and what students are taught.
7. We shall involve educators, parents, students, business and community members in the ongoing process of goal setting for our schools.
8. We recognize the close connection between many “academic” and “vocational” goals and will aggressively pursue ideas to promote vocational education for Marionville students by:
  - a. Working with the Southwest Area Career Center to explore changes that will make the school more responsive and attractive to our students.
  - b. Developing alternatives to the Southwest Area Career Center.

9. We shall provide parents with access to training and support needed to be a child's first teacher.
10. We shall provide more time for teaching and learning through summer school, longer school days, extended school year and/or extended teachers' contracts.
11. We shall provide an opportunity for all students through innovative educational strategies to acquire skills and knowledge to adapt to emerging technologies and work methods, especially computer literacy.
12. We shall meet the needs of all disadvantaged children and those with disabilities.
13. We shall provide a safe, drug-free school environment with a comprehensive health education program to promote physical and mental health and healthy lifestyles including drug and alcohol prevention education, aids awareness and wellness programs.
14. We shall support innovative teacher training and staff development through expanded in-service programs and new instructional approaches and technologies.
15. We shall provide professional and monetary incentives to teachers to continue a professional teaching career.
16. We shall reduce class size, especially in lower grades, as a top priority.
17. We shall strengthen our understanding of the connection between education and business/work and promote interaction between school and community.
18. We shall develop new programs to keep students in school and to be productive students so that we might reach a graduation rate of 90% by the year 2000.
19. We shall strengthen our math and science curriculum at all levels.
20. We shall develop and promote attitudes of good citizenship, community service and personal responsibility.
21. We shall emphasize the importance of and seek to increase the percentage of students competent in a foreign language.
22. We shall educate our students to be knowledgeable about the diverse cultural heritage of the United States and our world community.

24. We shall accommodate diversity in students and learning styles.
25. We shall promote college readiness and encourage an increased percentage of our students to successfully complete the requirements of the College Preparatory Studies Certificate.
26. We shall promote and sustain good self-esteem and self-motivation in all students.

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Refs: Missouri School Boards Association Policy-File AE, Aurora R-9 Schools Policy Manual