

Ridgway School District R-2 Mission Statement

The district shall provide a safe environment for all students and staff.

As a highly individualized public school, our mission is to prepare all students for success in a changing world by providing them with an enriched and comprehensive curriculum which teaches them critical and creative thinking skills, inspires their imaginations and talents, and empowers them to contribute as local and global citizens.

As a result of our efforts our students will.....

- Master the content standards of an enriched and comprehensive curriculum.
- Become confident, motivated, and empowered individuals who direct their own learning.
- Become informed and contributing citizens.
- Be inspired to achieve healthy lives.

As a student centered and successful public school system, the Board of Education adopts the following strategic goal

Our goal is to continually raise the academic performance of every student such that we achieve status ratings from the Colorado State Department for all programs in the excellent category for Overall Academic Achievement Performance. This distinction, along with monitored growth model reports, will support our commitment to the success of all students within the district. History, civics, music, art, foreign language, **science, math, technology, and experiential learning** are fundamental pieces of the Ridgway tradition and remain hallmarks of the educational program. In order to achieve this goal, and meet the needs of every student, all Ridgway students will be provided with opportunities which promote their academic knowledge and skill, creativity, and ability to reach challenging goals. Staff will dedicate themselves to making their students' learning relevant and continuously seek strategies to improve the achievement of every student.

A. Commitments

1. Every Student, Every Day, No Exceptions, No Excuses
2. Provide opportunities in classes/activities/sports that broaden students' perspectives and life skills
3. Attract and retain staff members who excel in the teaching of their subject areas
4. Maintain a safe, disciplined and nurturing environment for all students
5. Equip students to obtain proficiency or above in all core academic content standards

B. Essential Board Roles

1. Align resources for student success
2. Ensure accurate and timely communication with all stakeholders: students, staff, administration, parents, and community
3. Utilize CASB "Best Practices"

C. Board Core Values

1. Student success
2. Respect for all
3. Integrity
4. Analysis/Deliberation
5. Creativity/Innovation
6. Continuous Improvement
7. Team leadership and collaboration

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