

# Alpine School District



### **VALUES**

The mission of Alpine School District is

"Educating all students to ensure the future of our democracy."

## VISION

We persistently strive for high performance as a **professional learning community**, exemplifying the following characteristics:

- · Shared mission, vision, values, and goals
- · Collaborative Culture Focused on Learning
- · Collective Inquiry into Best Practice
- · Action Orientation: Learning by Doing
- Commitment to Continuous Improvement
- Results Orientation

Four essential questions drive our collaborative efforts to ensure all students learn at high levels:

- What do we expect students to learn?
- 2. How will we know what students have learned?
- 3. How will we respond to students who haven't learned?
- 4. How will we respond to students who already know?

Values—deep-seated **beliefs and ideals**—ultimately form the basis of behavior and decision-making. Because we believe that education is a public imperative, a moral endeavor, and a shared responsibility for all members of society, we embrace the following five commitments:

- Equitable Access to Academic Knowledge and Achievement. We provide access to a challenging curriculum and support achieving high levels of learning for each student.
- Engaged Learning Through Nurturing
   Instruction. We promote student learning through
   caring relationships, effective teaching practices, and
   positive classroom environments.
- Stewardship in School and Community. We partner with families and communities to improve public education, teacher quality, and student achievement.
- Civic Preparation and Engagement. We model and teach the knowledge, skills, and respect required for civic engagement and responsibility, consistent with the principles and values on which our countrywas founded.
- Commitment to Renewal. We continuously improve through personal, school, and professional development.

Goals amount to **specific actions** aligned with the mission, vision, and values. Each of our schools and departments set annual improvement goals guided by seven **Areas of Focus**, articulated by the Board of Education.

#### Teacher Quality

Valuing quality teachers by recognizing excellence and facilitating continuous improvement in the art and science of teaching.

#### Resources

Identifying and providing requisite tools, skills and personnel that lead students toward successful participation in the 21st Century.

#### Comprehensive Curriculum

Educating students through a wide range of content and learning opportunities leading to the development of the whole child.

#### Student Achievement

Inspiring all students to engage in learning at their highest level.

#### Community Relations

Engaging parents and the broader community to support student achievement.

#### Leadership

Developing and sustaining leaders who have vision and passion for student and employee success.

#### School and District Culture

Sharing values, beliefs and processes that sustain a positive, safe and nurturing environment to promote pride in the school and district.