

Section II: District Mission and Vision Statements

Derry Area School District Mission Statement

The mission of the Derry Area School District is to develop responsible citizens and life-long learners who are prepared to adapt and succeed in a global society.

Derry Area School District Vision Statement

Derry Area students will develop a respect for learning through self-reflection, personal responsibility in the learning process, and individual goal-setting. Involvement in school activities and community programs will reinforce rigorous classroom learning and develop qualities of tolerance, commitment, self-worth, and the expectation of success. The teacher, as a facilitator of teaching and learning, will participate in a dynamic, differentiated program of professional development to build and maintain a range of evidence-based instructional strategies.

A flexible, integrated curriculum will support 21st century student learning and teacher instruction. Within a supportive learning environment, student engagement with high level tasks will promote the acquisition of critical thinking skills and knowledge. Students will be articulate, literate learners and problem solvers. The use of a variety of technologies will allow students to prepare for and adapt to an ever-changing, global society. Multi-disciplinary learning activities will create a realistic environment which will encourage creativity and reinforce both independent and team problem-solving skills, while impacting the local community through collaborative project solutions. Ongoing, varied assessment practices will accommodate various learning styles and emphasize accomplishments while identifying individual student learning needs. The curriculum will establish respect for all cultures as well as tolerance for individual differences.