

Westgate Elementary



Westgate Mission Statement:

Our mission is to ensure that all students achieve academic excellence and develop the character to make the world a better place.

To this end:

We will create a nurturing and safe learning community in which all participants are encouraged to take risks in order to reach their highest academic potential.

We will structure an academic environment in which all students achieve high standards and benchmarks while their progress is closely monitored, thus producing self-motivated learners.

In this way, we will impart the love of learning throughout our school community and pave the way towards a productive future for all.

Westgate Vision Statements:

The best way to achieve the mission of Westgate Elementary is for the staff to work together as a professional learning community. We envision a school where:

- Staff members value collaboration through ongoing grade-level and vertical team meetings;
- Staff members use assessment information to guide instruction;
- Staff members participate in professional development opportunities and continually strive to improve classroom instruction and student achievement;
- There is collective responsibility for student learning among staff, parents, and community;
- All members of the school community exhibit tolerance and respect for each other;
- Students take responsibility for their own actions and their own learning;
- Students are critical thinkers; and
- Students learn essential understandings, knowledge, and skills at each grade level.

Westgate Value Statements:

In order to achieve the vision of a school that functions as a professional learning community, the Westgate staff has made the following collective commitments:

- We will collaborate to establish common quarterly curriculum goals and assessments that will encourage learning across grade levels through vertical team meetings and grade level team meetings;
- We will disaggregate and analyze quarterly assessment data to drive instruction and guide the development of SMART goals. Extra time and support will be provided for students who do not achieve these goals;
- We will establish and maintain open channels of communication with students, parents, and our community to assure academic success;
- We will include staff development and share of best practices during each monthly staff meeting;
- We will develop schedules in order to provide uninterrupted math and language art blocks and EXCEL times for reteaching at each grade level. Planning time will be aligned for grade level collaboration; and
- We will have school-wide recognition of student achievement through assemblies, announcements, bulletin boards, newsletters, notes, and compliments sent home.

Westgate Goals:

To ensure academic success for our students, the Westgate staff collaboratively writes school-wide goals through the School Plan. The School Plan is written yearly in the fall and provides work plans and indicators for the following school-wide goals:

- Students will improve achievement in English.
- Students will improve achievement in Math.
- Students will improve achievement in Science.
- Students will improve achievement in Social Studies.

Each grade level team has a yearly SMART goal for Reading and Math.