



Mission & Vision Statement School Action Team Committee Project Kick-off

Renaissance at Rand Middle School



What is a school vision?

➔ **Our goal - where we hope to see the school in the future**

- **Why we do what we do, the school's reason for being, it's purpose, what the school wants to be remembered for**

What is a school mission?

- **Defines the purpose of an organization**



Why is a school vision needed?

- If most people can't recall the school's mission statement, it's time to take another look.
- An unclear vision or mission can help lead to continuing conflicts, and a school that has difficulty identifying priorities.
- If you don't have a common, agreed-on destination, then everyone is left to his or her own devices to imagine one—a scenario that results in unharnessed and unfocused efforts, with everyone believing that what he or she is doing is right. A common understanding of the destination allows all stakeholders to align their improvement efforts.



Tips to creating a powerful vision

- Should be brief and easily remembered
- Should give people a sense of purpose and passion
- Should be inspiring, it is not a slogan
- It is not just a description of the status quo, but a bold declaration of what the school will be
- It should contain the uniqueness/originality that sets the school apart from other middle schools

Vision Statement Examples

- ▶ All Potomac Senior High School students will achieve personal success in their learning and become responsible and productive citizens.

Potomac Senior High School, Prince William County Public Schools, Virginia

- Our vision is to create a k-12 school that is highly regarded for its academic excellence, and for its contribution in actively serving and improving the community in which it operates.

- ▶ We grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Make-A-Wish Foundation

- ▶ To provide each student with the highest quality education and create a passion for learning, empowering each student to contribute positively to our global community. *Laguna Elementary School, Scottsdale, AZ*

- The LeCrescent Montessori Academy's mission is to empower preschool through seventh grade children to unfold their potential as whole and unique persons, and through them create a peaceful world community.

- ▶ Our vision, as a community, is to inspire a passion for learning.

John T. Baker Middle School, Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland

Montclair Schools Missions, Visions & Values

➤ **Buzz Aldrin Middle School**

We believe all children can learn, achieve, and grow in a safe and secure environment.

➤ **Mission: Nishuane School** provides students with the foundational skills to develop their talents and interests to ensure academic success in a diverse environment; actively engaging families and partnering with the community.

➤ **Vision: Nishuane School** is a diverse school that develops creative, curious, and confident learners through academic exploration, healthy relationships, and exposure to the arts.

➤ **Watchung School** students will graduate equipped with skills to be independent life-long learners. Students will demonstrate compassion for others and their environment through an understanding about the interdependence of all living things. Students will be critical thinkers, problem solvers and curious about how things work.- Watchung School Vision Statement

➤ **Watchung School Core Values**

Be a Problem Solver

We are curious.

We are critical thinkers.

We are risk takers.

Be Respectful

We are compassionate.

We are listeners.

We are accountable.

Be Independent

We are passionate about our interests/talents.

We are developing the skills needed to obtain our goals

The Process



Engage
School
Action
Team
Commit
tee
1/11/17

Share & get
feedback from
school community,
staff and
community on
committee's
recommendation
Feb. 2017

Implement &
Promote
April 2017 -
always

Synthesize/
summarize
inputs from
today's
workshop
1/30/17

Incorporate
feedback &
Establish vision
statement
Mar. 2017

Your Assignment

1. What do you believe is Renaissance' current mission and/or magnet theme?
2. If Renaissance is extremely successful over the next 3-5 years, how will people describe it?
3. How would you describe Renaissance school to others?
4. What do you think the school mission should be?
Complete this statement: The Renaissance school mission is _____.
5. What do you think the school vision should be?
Complete this statement: The Renaissance school vision is _____.