

GALWAY

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goals 2016-2019

Every Student, Every Class, Every Day

Mission Statement

The Galway Central School Community believes that all students can succeed in learning. Our school's purpose is to educate all students to their highest level of academic performance while fostering positive growth in social/emotional behavior and attitudes. We accept the responsibility to provide the proper atmosphere and opportunity so that each student can attain his or her maximum potential.



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Core Values

The Galway Community's Core Values remain constant in an ever-changing world. They provide the foundation for our work and influence how we conduct ourselves and engage with others.

Educational Excellence

High expectations are the focus of everything we do. The pursuit of greater knowledge and more powerful thinking demands hard work, perseverance and commitment. All members of the Galway School Community are challenged to achieve their highest potential.

Academic Opportunity

Academic programs and instructional strategies support an environment that nurtures intellectual, social, emotional, physical and cultural growth. These attributes prepare students to be creative and critical thinkers, to be college and career ready.

Shared Responsibility

The partnerships among parents, students, staff and community members are integral in the educational process and are characterized by an enduring mutual commitment and collaborative effort.

Citizenship

Our actions are distinguished by the highest standards of personal behavior, including trust, honesty, fairness, integrity and mutual respect, and are developed and demonstrated through student activities, community service, academic opportunities and success.

Continuous Improvement

Our District systems and processes will be subject to continual scrutiny and improvement. Prudent fiscal management of resources identify avenues of maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

DISTRICT GOALS

Student Learning and Achievement
Quality Instruction
Creative and Critical Thinking Skills
Partnerships
School Climate and Culture

Goal 1

Student Learning and Achievement

All Galway Central School District students will have the opportunity to challenge themselves intellectually based on interest, readiness and need.

- 100% of students Grades 7-12 will have an individualized learning plan.
- A 4 year graduation rate of 95%.
- 45% of students will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma.
- 90% of students will demonstrate proficiency on NYS Regents exams (score of 65 or above) and demonstrate continuous improvement when compared to previous cohorts, including 50% achieving mastery level.
- 85% of students will graduate with college or career credit in their identified field of interest.
- 95% of 3rd grade students will read on or above grade level by the end of the school year as indicated by STAR.



Goal 2

Quality Instruction

All Galway Central School District students will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful, authentic and rigorous work through the use of innovative and research based instructional practices.

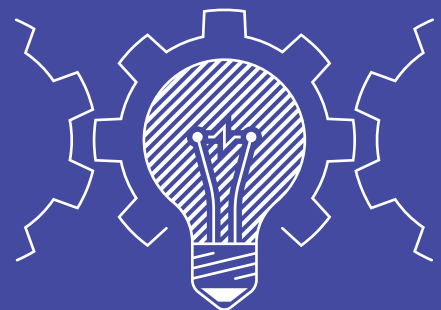
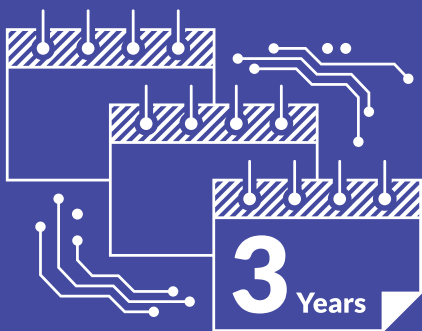
- Professional Development provided to all instructional staff to structure a standards-based and student-centered learning environment.
- 100% completion of Curriculum Maps, reviewed and updated annually.
- A K-12 vision of quality instruction shall be collaboratively developed and implemented.
- K-12-All staff will have opportunity for purposeful collaboration for examining and responding to data and sharing professional practice.
- Create and implement consistent grading and assessment practices K-12.
- Grade level writing targets will be collaboratively defined.

Goal 3

Creative and Critical Thinking Skills

All Galway Central School District students will be immersed each day in learning opportunities intentionally designed to develop creative and critical thinking skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, data analysis, invention and imagination.

- Complete a three-year technology plan to include alignment of technology to instruction.
- Professional Development for all instructional staff focusing on STEAM across the curriculum.
- Through summative and formative assessments students will demonstrate 21st-Century Critical Thinking skills using a variety of technology tools to communicate mastery.



Goal 4

Partnerships

All Galway Central School District teachers, parents, community and business leaders will have the opportunity to fulfill their roles as actively engaged partners in supporting outcomes for student success.

- Review and revise, with all stakeholder groups, the comprehensive district-wide communication plan.
- Develop a plan for dynamic, sustained and distributed leadership which includes identification, empowerment and support to assume leadership positions.
- Provide Professional Development for all stakeholders; instructional staff, non-instructional staff, parents, and Board of Education members, that exemplify the significant benefits of lifelong learning.



Goal 5

School Climate and Culture

All Galway Central School Students will participate in educational programs that support social, emotional, ethical, and civic education in a safe and supportive school environment.

- 80% participation rate for students Grades 7-12 in extracurricular, athletic, community service activities.
- Administer and review Galway School District Satisfaction Survey annually, take action on areas of improvement.
- Create, provide and strengthen activities for personal growth, self-esteem, responsible behavior, youth development, leadership and citizenship.
- Continue to provide facilities that are safe, well-maintained, and provide for the developmental needs of all students.
- Collaboratively develop a profile of a Galway Central School District graduate.