

Chris Saunders Memorial Elementary School 2023-2026

Mission

The Chris Saunders Memorial School community is committed to educating the whole child in an inclusive, positive and stimulating environment.

Our Beliefs

We believe in teaching students to be:
Caring | Honest | Respectful | Inclusive | Safe

Vision

Our vision is to empower each student to become an independent, creative and globally minded citizen.

School Improvement Goals & Strategies

Assessment Goal

Teachers will utilize formative assessment to drive their instruction. Students will take an active role in Assessment for Learning.

Strategies

- Teachers will use effective formative assessment across all subject areas, specific to descriptive feedback and student self-assessment throughout the entire learning cycle.
- Teachers will use student friendly rubrics during this process, and rubrics will be co-constructed with students.

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Positive Learning Environment Plan Goal

Teachers will teach strategies to students that help regulate their emotions and improve resiliency.

Strategies

- Learners will be taught to use mindfulness strategies independently through guidance lessons, assemblies and classroom instruction. Learners will be trained in mindfulness techniques such as breathing, yoga and visualizations.

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Positive Learning Environment Plan Goal

Students will develop academic skills through reading, writing, discussion, and inquiry as they explore identities & cultures as mirrors and windows into their learning environments at school, home & community. They will learn to celebrate what makes themselves, their classmates and people globally unique.

Strategies

- Our CLT will create a family/community survey to determine the various cultures, ethnicities, religions, languages, customs and gender identities represented in the school.
- School staff will plan and lead a Diversity and Equity Fair on how we include our diverse learners and community.
- CSMES will have a Diversity and Equity Committee which will meet regularly to ensure we are meeting our diversity and equity goals.

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Strategies

- Fostering open ended discussions, inquiry, assessment based on learning preferences and strengths.
- Utilize culturally rich texts and activities that allow students to form personal connections and build literacy and numeracy skills.
- Flexible Groupings implemented to meet all learners needs building on strengths and targeting areas for growth including planning next steps tailored to the individual student.

Core Competencies Goal

Teachers will equip our students with critical thinking skills in order to prepare them for competing and thriving in a changing world.

Strategies

- Students will be given the opportunity to solve meaningful, real life, complex problems, by taking concrete steps to address issues and to design and manage projects. These problem-based projects will be cross-curricular.

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