

## Policy 2020

### **SUCCESSFULLY PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE COGNITIVE, GLOBAL AND DIGITAL WORLD**

Mercer Island students lead the state on standardized test scores but we've realized that's not enough. Our schools should be preparing students for the future, so we're evolving to teach our students how to think, collaborate and be creative and effective in the interconnected world. We're keeping our standards high while connecting with students through a more personalized style of learning.

#### **2020 VISION**

Our students will thrive in the cognitive, digital, and global world while sustaining their passion and inspiration for learning.

#### **MISSION**

Mercer Island Schools will deliver a 21<sup>st</sup> century education that prepares students to convert information into knowledge and create innovative solutions demanded by tomorrow's world.

#### **VALUES**

Student-centered classrooms where students and staff exhibit:

- Leadership
- Innovation and creativity
- Personal development and Citizenship
- High expectations
- Global perspective
- Diversity
- Technological fluency
- Entrepreneurism and collaboration
- Passion for learning
- Personalized learning

#### **FUNDAMENTALS OF THE 2020 VISION**

1. Maintaining the highest standards in the areas of fine arts; health/fitness; literacy – reading, writing and communications; mathematics; science; social studies, and world languages.
2. Developing, self-awareness, emotional/social intelligence, responsible decision-making and citizenship.
3. Creating a more personalized learning environment that is responsive to students' strengths, needs, learning styles, interests, passions and affinities.

4. Encouraging and enabling students to be academic entrepreneurs and risk-takers who can choose to pursue academic passions and interests beyond traditional curriculum and beyond the traditional classroom environment
5. Adjusting to a *21<sup>st</sup> Century Body of Knowledge*, which acknowledges that the digital age changes the knowledge students must have. Curriculum should be flexible and responsive to a constantly changing, global reality.
6. Including *21<sup>st</sup> Century Thinking and Process Skills* such as critical thinking, cross-discipline thinking, creativity, innovation, collaboration, communication, problem solving, and information and technology literacy in curriculum design.
7. Developing Global Awareness, with a focus on understanding real-world problems, issues, concerns, commonality, differences and interdependence.
8. Delivering best instructional practices based on authentic and formative assessments for learning.
9. Providing instructional support that encourages a variety of teaching styles intended to meet the diverse needs of learners who will demonstrate appropriate yearly progress based on individual needs.

**2009-2011 GOAL**

By August 2011, the Mercer Island School District will provide more personalized learning where student-centered education is responsive to students' strengths, needs, learning styles, interests, passions and affinities.

**Legal References:**

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