



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE"

DISTRICT GOALS 2015-2016

With the understanding that the Holmdel Township Board of Education is committed to providing a comprehensive and caring educational environment that will develop the potential of every student into achievement, the following four district goals have been established for 2015-2016:

1. Athletics

Goal: Conduct a comprehensive audit of the Athletics Program to ensure that the district continues to provide all students with the opportunity to participate in a premier K-12 program.

- Establish priorities within each of the following areas:
 - Program
 - Articulation K-12
 - Opportunities for all students
 - Establishing connections with community-based programs
 - Facilities
 - Personnel needs
 - Budget and other resources
- Develop and present a multi-year strategic plan to address identified priorities.

Deliverable: Strategic Plan.

2. 21st Century Learning

Goal: Leverage Chromebooks, Google Apps for Education and other digital devices and tools to make instruction meaningful for 21st century learners and purposefully relevant to the lives of our students.

- Identify base-line data to use in continuing to build on teachers' knowledge of meaningful technology integration through targeted professional development on the use of instructional technology to enhance student learning
- Increase teacher utilization of technology as a strategy for implementing student directed learning by a target set as per analysis of base-line data.
- Collaborate with students, peers, parents, and community members using digital tools and resources to support student success and innovation.

Deliverable: Analysis of the frequency and type of teacher and student utilization of technology both within and beyond the classroom.

3. STEM Education: Engineering and Technology

Goal: Identify opportunities to expand and/or develop student learning experiences in the STEM-relevant content areas of Engineering and Technology within the K-12 program

- Promote a common language and understanding of topics related to STEM Education, specifically as this pertains to the areas of engineering and technology throughout the K-12 continuum.
- Research, explore, and evaluate model engineering and technology programs that exist in other school districts and are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Conduct a needs assessment of curricular and co-curricular offerings related to engineering and technology
- Develop partnerships with colleges, universities and industry as appropriate.

Deliverable: Enhanced Opportunities via recommended course approvals/revisions.

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4. District Communications

Goal: Assess efforts related to internal and external communication and the development of positive relationships with all stakeholders as a means to promote excellence and improve public perception of the district and its schools.

- Evaluate the effectiveness of current communications program and strategies
- Identify and further develop relationships with under-represented constituents.
- Determine needs and identify strategies and/or resources needed to meet those needs

Deliverable: Report to the Board of Education