

**North Kingstown
School Department**

Educate, Inspire, Challenge

*High Performing
and
Improving*

**2015-2018
Strategic Plan**

(updated August 2017)



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Mission

Our mission is to educate our students to become intellectually active adults, to inspire them to reach individual excellence, and to challenge them to become responsible, contributing members of a global society.

Vision

All students of the North Kingstown School Department will achieve rigorous learning goals and will continuously improve their academic, social, emotional, creative, and physical growth. In order to do this, we will provide a learning environment that meets the diverse needs of every student. Each student will have access to a high quality, rigorous curriculum through multiple and varied opportunities. With the help and engagement of our staff, families, and community members, our students will attain the skills, strategies, and knowledge necessary to be prepared for their college and career choices and ultimately their roles in a global society. We commit to using our resources to support our priorities: student learning and achievement, effective and innovative instruction, and continuous professional improvement.

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This strategic plan is based on the seven core functions as presented in the Basic Education Plan (BEP) of the Rhode Island Department of Education (G-12-4.2)

- Lead the Focus on Learning and Achievement. The LEA shall provide on-site direction that continuously guides site-based leadership; identify expectations and accountability for implementation of proven practices; and address barriers to implementation of identified educational goals.
- Recruit, Support, and Retain Highly Effective Staff. The LEA shall recruit, identify, mentor, support, and retain effective staff; build the capacity of staff to meet organizational expectations; and provide job-embedded professional development based on student need.
- Guide the Implementation of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. The LEA shall provide access to rigorous, guaranteed, and viable curricula for all students; ensure differentiated instructional strategies, materials, and assessments; and build systems that provide opportunities for common planning and assessment.
- Use Information for Planning and Accountability. The LEA shall develop and implement proficiency-based comprehensive assessment systems; distribute results of measured school progress and student performance; and maintain responsive and accessible information systems.
- Engage Families and the Community. The LEA shall implement effective family and community communication systems; engage families and the community to promote positive student achievement and behavior; and provide adult and alternative learning opportunities integrated with community needs.
- Foster Safe and Supportive Environments for Students and Staff. The LEA shall address the physical, social, and emotional needs of all students; ensure safe school facilities and learning environments; and require that every student has at least one adult accountable for his or her learning.
- Ensure Equity and Adequacy of Fiscal and Human Resources. The LEA shall identify and provide requisite resources to meet student needs; allocate fiscal and human resources based on student need and overcome barriers to effective resource allocation at the school level.

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Goal 1: Support achievement of rigorous learning goals and continuous growth.			
Action Steps	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline	Evidence
Review the English Language Arts curriculum and the mathematics curriculum that are aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS); revise as necessary; HS review of ELA; middle level revision of documents	Assistant Superintendent; Principals; Teacher Teams; Staff	Fall 2015—2018 2017-2018 Analyze curriculum framework for the RICAS state tests Develop rubrics at the middle level	Classroom observations; formative and interim assessments; Common Core State Standards implementation plan; curriculum documents
Continue to review all formative and summative assessments that align to the CCSS; regularly review the Comprehensive Assessment Plan to inform decisions on assessment implementation	Assistant Superintendent; Principals; curriculum coordinators; Staff	Fall 2015—2018 2016-2017 The Comprehensive Assessment Plan (CAP) was updated. 2017-2018 Update CAP to reflect new state assessments.	Review of assessments; collaborative scoring; Administrative Council meeting notes; assessment documents; updated Comprehensive Assessment Plan
Continue to research resources to implement the CCSS; investigate ways to collaboratively share lessons (web pages, Google docs, RIDE ISS, Live Binder, Blendspace, etc.)	Assistant Superintendent; Principals; elementary teachers	Fall 2015—2018 2016-2017 Bridges elementary math program was piloted at Forest Park. 2017-2018 Implementation of Bridges in grades K & 1.	Comparison charts of aligned textbooks/materials; shared curriculum documents Unit assessments; STAR scores

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		Pilot of GoMath program at the middle level	
Implement a newly created science curriculum that is aligned to the New Generation Science Standards; provide training in new inquiry kits; continue to revise the high school science curriculum	Assistant Superintendent; High School Science Department Chair; NKHS science teachers	Summer 2015—2018 2016-2017 Two inquiry kits at elementary and middle 2017-2018 Additional third kit at elementary and middle	Classroom observations; revised curriculum documents; training schedules and attendance records
Provide access to academic supports and interventions for all students (i.e. Edgenuity Lexia, Virtual High School, DreamBox, IXL, APEX, MobyMax, TenMarks, FLVS, etc.)	Assistant Superintendent; Principals; HS math department chair; Teacher Teams; Staff	Summer 2015—2018 2016-2017 Dreambox implemented for intervention 2017-2018 Dreambox implemented in grades 1 & 2 Lexia continues to be implemented in grades K & 1	Classroom observations; formative and interim assessments; Personal Literacy Plans; Dreambox progress reports
Analyze and share data related to student progress	Assistant Superintendent; Principals; Teacher Teams; Staff	2015-2018 2016-2017 Student Growth Percentile (SGP) set at 50 2017-2018 SGP set at 52	Use of STAR data, PARCC, AIMSweb, ISS, Growth Models; RTI/data meetings; notes from collaborative meetings
Continue to offer training in the electronic systems/portals to new staff and share updates (Instructional Support System,	Assistant Superintendent; Principals; Teacher Teams; Staff	Summer 2015—2018 2017-2018 New evaluation platform (EEM)	Attendance at trainings; use of the systems

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Employee Evaluation Management, Growth Model Visualization Tools)			Train educators in the use of the Employee Evaluation Management System
Develop a district curriculum plan; update the district curriculum policy; utilize a district curriculum committee to review draft curriculum documents	Assistant Superintendent; curriculum coordinators; principals; teachers	2015—2018 2016-2017 Introduction to Earth/Physical Science and Physics. Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum 2017-2018 A new curriculum revision schedule was created 2017-2018 Library Media; Physics; Middle school math resources; analyze foreign language program K-12	The curriculum plan and policy; meeting agendas and notes from the committee meetings; curriculum documents
Continue developing the RIDE approved CTE program in Business Finance and the Engineering and Robotics program	Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent; NKHS administrators; Teacher Teams	2015-2016 Engineering and Robotics 2016-2017 Business Finance 2017-2018 add IT/Computer Science academy Explore music and videography	Completed CTE business finance program New IT/Computer Science program; monitor and track
Provide the leadership for the CTE programs, including business finance and	Superintendent; Chief Operating Officer; NKHS	July 2016	Leadership position filled Google sheets for application and tracking

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<p>engineering/robotics that includes overseeing business partnerships, marketing the programs, and recruiting students</p>	<p>administrators; Teacher Teams</p>	<p>2016-2017 Strengthen the application and tracking process 2017-2018 Continue advisory boards with community and business representatives</p>	
<p>Increase access to personalized learning experiences that are experiential, blended, flexible, and differentiated</p>	<p>Assistant Superintendent; Principals; Teacher Teams; Staff</p>	<p>2015-2018 2016-2017 Study of new scheduling at NKHS 2017-2018 Implementation of new eight-period schedule Introduce opportunities for advanced personalized learning at the elementary level</p>	<p>Program reviews; classroom observations; increased numbers of students participating in concurrent, dual, and early enrollment programs. Increased numbers of students participating in online courses; feedback on the new eight-period schedule; differentiated programming at the elementary level</p>
<p>Continue to develop a robust Pre-school curriculum that aligns to the Pre-school standards</p>	<p>Pre-school staff and administrators</p>	<p>2015—2018 2016-2017 Study the new curriculum resources 2017-2018 Added Early Childhood Coordinator position</p>	<p>Curriculum documents; classroom observations</p>

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Goal 2: Provide a school environment that addresses the social, emotional, creative, and physical needs of all students.			
Action Steps	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline	Evidence
Expand school-wide social/emotional literacy and anti-bullying programs (i.e. Open Circle, Second Step, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, Think Social, etc.)	Principals; Teachers; Staff; School Psychologists; Speech and Language Pathologists	2015—2018 2015-2017 Open Circle and Playworks trainings and implementation; Mindfulness; parent evenings 2017-2018 Study and Practice of Non-violence (DMS) Continue Open Circle and Playworks	Classroom observations; committee meeting notes; participation in PD; fewer behavioral referrals
Maintain and strengthen advisory programs	Secondary administration; Teacher advisors; guidance	2015—2018	Observations; student feedback; increased mentoring; Leadership Academy activities
Maintain and strengthen grade-to-grade transition programs	Administrators; Teachers; guidance counselors	2015—2018 2016-2017 orientations; buddy systems 2017-2018 Staggered school start for grade 9	Parent feedback; program reviews; increased articulation between schools

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Continue to provide a variety of extra-curricular/co-curricular activities	PTOs; School Improvement Teams; Principals; Teachers	2015—2018	Student participation rates in the activities
Provide in-service training for staff regarding student behavioral and mental health issues	Director of Pupil Personnel; Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel; Assistant Superintendent; Admin Staff	2015-2018 2016-2017 Mental Health 101 to TAs and Support Staff; Suicide Prevention Training for staff and community 2015- 2018 CDC grants to support exemplary sexual health education, health services, safe and supportive environments, and related policies; Trainings and protocols at schools	CDC Evaluation Survey; meetings with the School Health Advisory Council; completion of trainings

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Goal 3: Provide modern, high quality facilities and technology that effectively support our educational programs.			
Action Steps	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline	Evidence
Complete projects in priority order from the Capital Improvement Plan	Chief Operating Officer, Superintendent, and School Committee	2015-2018 2016-2018 Heating & Ventilation; Electrical; Fire devices; upgrade of cafeterias; NKHS tennis court repairs; NKHS auditorium sound and lights, etc. 2017-2018 Renovations to the NKHS Track and Field	Completion of projects Ongoing
Purchase appropriate classroom technology for all schools	IT department	2015—2018 2016-2017 devices for students; Lighthouse classrooms 2017-2018 GoGuardian; Edlio	Purchase and distribution; observation of classrooms; monitoring of GoGuardian and Edlio
Focus on the safety and security needs for buildings	Superintendent; Chief Operating Officer	2015-2017 New PA systems district-wide	Building/ district safety plans; updated security systems; Police and fire reviews
Implement the five-year technology strategic plan	Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent; IT department; Chief Operating Officer; School Committee	2014-2019 Five-year plan 2015-2016 Year 3 Goals 2016-2017 Year 4 Goals	Completion of annual goals

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		2017-2018 Year 5 Goals; Extend tech plan to 2022; refresh cycle	
Propose a long-term plan for future utilization of school facilities	Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent; Chief Operating Officer; School Committee	2015—2016 2016-2017 2017-2018 Submittal of RIDE Stages 1 & 2 Asset Protection Plan Plan for bond funding to address construction and renovation of NKSD buildings; Resources, staffing programming, security, transportation, etc.	Completion of the long-term facilities plan; meeting agendas Define a plan to move forward, consider school size research and other optimal indicators

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Goal 4: Engage families and the community to support student achievement			
Action Steps	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline	Evidence
Create and distribute an Annual Report to the Community; increase the availability; notify community about the distribution	Superintendent	Annually 2016-2017 used consultant to develop Annual reports 2017-2018 continue to use consultant	Completion of report and distribution; e-copy on the district webpage
Update parents regarding the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and new assessments	Assistant Superintendent; Principals; teachers	2015—2018 Annual letters Annual presentations to the School Committee Updates on the website	Communication documents; Open Houses; informational sessions
Increase communication regarding PTO functions district-wide	PTO; principals; IT department	2015—2018 2016-2017 Information provided through ASPEN emails; alternate meeting times; district website calendar 2017-2018 PTO presidents will meet to discuss ways to increase family engagement	District-wide calendar posted on NKSD website; ASPEN emails have replaced listservs; increased number of messages by PTO. Increased attendance at PTO events and meetings
Expand the implementation of online registration tools	Data Manager; Administrative Staff	2015—2018 2016-2017 Student emergency contacts	Electronic parent packs; updates by parents through ASPEN

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		2017-2018 new work flows for parent permissions (Responsible Use of Technology, Photo Releases, Handbook, Chromebook Agreement); Health Collection; Updating Student Contacts; Chromebook Insurance	
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Goal 5: Maintain a fiscally responsible budget with priorities that focus on student learning and continuous improvement.			
Action Steps	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline	Evidence
Create budgets to align expenditures to strategic plan	Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer	Annual Annual application for the Meritorious Budget Award	Review of budget and strategic plan; successful Meritorious Budget Award
Expand collaborative partnerships with outside agencies; Expansion of the Career and Tech business partnerships	Central office administration; High school CTE leadership	2015—2018 2016-2017 Advisory boards established for CTE programs; Partnerships with Everfi N.A.F. Certified 2017-2018 expand partnerships, especially with new academy programs	Use of RIDE technical assistance; meeting notes; established partnerships
PTO Funding	Superintendent; Chief Operating Officer; Controller; principals	Create/Revise Policy for PTO funding; set clear guidelines for budgetary line items that are acceptable to receive PTO funds	Completed policy; clear communication to all stakeholders