



Arlington Public Schools

869 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, Massachusetts 02476

VISION

All students will achieve at their full social, emotional, creative and academic potential, and will be prepared for higher level academics, workforce success, active citizenship and life-long learning.

STRATEGY – how do we intend to accomplish our vision ?

- ◆ Building on Past Strengths
- ◆ Melding 9 schools into 1 system because it helps kids learn
- ◆ Appropriately supporting and challenging student learning
- ◆ Supporting student social and emotional needs
- ◆ Preparing all Students for the 21st Century

OBJECTIVES 2007/2008 - What must we do to move forward ?

1. Implement Special Education and ELL reforms per Coordinated Program review, internal needs assessment, and the district's special education vision.
2. Continue to implement essential standards and common assessments in math, reading, writing, science and social studies k-12 which build upon the foundation of our standards-based education with the purpose of putting in place the necessary data to track cohorts over multiple years.
3. Incorporate the knowledge, skills, and habits of mind that will best prepare our students for the 21st century into the high school experience.
4. Improve the work environment for staff and administrators by providing tools and systems to make work simpler and more efficient, as well as improving (where practical) the physical work environment.

CRITICAL FACTORS FOR SUCCESS - What is necessary to achieve our vision?

- ◆ Focus on the whole child: social, emotional, creative and academic
- ◆ Recruitment and retention of highly qualified and diverse staff
- ◆ High quality professional development
- ◆ Parents and community as partners in education
- ◆ Proficiency defined by Arlington standards and less reliance on NCLB and MCAS
- ◆ Support for increased public funding for education.