

Goals

District 161
Board of Education

2019
2020

**Board goals
set the vision
for student
learning and
articulate
beliefs about
students and
learning.**

**These goals
serve as the
foundation for
District goals
and direction
for school
improvement.**

"What the best and wisest
parents want for their own
child, that must the community
want for all its children."

John Dewey
Educational Philosopher

Goal

1

Improve student achievement

by developing and
implementing a
challenging curriculum.

Student growth: At least 88%
of the grade levels of students
will meet/exceed the nationally
normed NWEA Mean RIT score.

Standards alignment & rigor:
Grades K-5 will complete
two common outcome
assessments in ELA & math;
Gr. 6-8 will complete two
assessments in ELA, math,
science, and social studies.

Algebra readiness:
Students demonstrating
algebra readiness will grow
to 35% of our 8th-grade class.

Technology integration:

- 80% mastery of grade level skills
- 90% implementation rate in lesson planning
- Develop STEM programming

Growth mindset: Support
teachers with A&G practices:
equal interval grading scale,
summative reassessments,
and academic behaviors.

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Ensure a safe, inspiring, and welcoming environment

for students, staff,
parents, and community
members.

**Student attendance/
school engagement:**
The student-to-school
connection will be
strengthened to ensure:

- average student attendance rate of at least 90%
- restorative justice practices are utilized to minimize out of school suspensions
- student participation in at least one school-related activity or sport

Bullying/cyberbullying:
Ensure teacher involvement in
the implementation of internet
safety, including bullying/
cyberbullying prevention, as
measured by the documented
bullying incidents recorded
through district bullying
protocols.

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Strengthen communications & connections

by establishing a
communications program
that directly helps the
District achieve its goals.

Telling the district's story:
The SHSD161 mobile app will
serve as a school community
portal for on-demand access
to school, district, and Board
of Education information.

Next grade readiness:
Dashboards of indicators
(as noted in ESSA and the high
school's readiness checklist)
will be communicated:

- progress toward grade level student growth in ELA and math
- progress toward 8th grade Algebra readiness
- progress toward mastery of technology grade level skills
- progress toward maintaining a student attendance rate of at least 90%

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Maximize time, talent, and finances

by aligning these
resources to the
mission and goals
of the District.

Building utilization:
The District will continue
to host Goal 4 Superintendent
Advisories to share student
enrollment information and
gather community feedback
to address future building
utilization that will allow for

- (a) effective delivery of instruction and
- (b) optimization of district resources.

- An enrollment study will be part of the data collection.
- A building utilization strategies report, with a recommendation, will be shared prior to the end of the 2019-20 school year.

