

Vision for South Bend Public Schools

Every student is prepared to realize their full potential in achieving a high quality of life both at school and beyond.

Mission of South Bend Public Schools

To prepare our students to be life/career/college ready by providing supportive, meaningful, and challenging opportunities in every aspect of the educational experience.

Our Theory of Action will achieve our vision and mission by:

1. Ensuring that every decision is made with an intentional focus on equity and excellence for student learning.
2. Implementing instruction aligned to primary, secondary, and postsecondary readiness.
3. Using collaborative systems throughout all levels of the school organization.
4. Improving our practice by being innovative, intentional in action, and responsive to circumstances and data.
5. Celebrating school, staff, and student success.
6. Recruiting, growing, and supporting impactful teachers and leaders.

Beliefs that inform our Theory of Action:

1. We exist to provide quality education accessible by all students.
2. Effective teachers are the most important school factor for student learning.
3. Principals are the the most important school factor in support of good teaching.
4. Everyone in our organization is a learner.
5. We cannot be effective in isolation.
6. We are only as good as our team.

South Bend Schools ... Five years from now

- We are known as the school that supports and helps all kids.
- All students demonstrate proficiency or beyond at the time of graduation.
- Our culture is defined by teamwork, cooperation, and trust.
- We are known as a school system of learners: students, teachers, and staff alike.
- We are known as one of the best places to work in the local area.
- We are known as always “going the extra mile”.