



## **Garden City Public Schools**

### **Teaching and Learning Mission and Vision**

#### **Mission**

#### ***Inspiring Minds, Empowering Achievement, Building Community***

The Garden City School District seeks to create an environment for learning which enables each student the opportunity to grow as an individual as well as a group member while striving to achieve the optimal level of academic, social and personal success.

Students will thrive in a learning environment that is developmentally appropriate, individualized and challenging.

Our goal and responsibility is to help each student develop an enthusiasm for learning, a respect for self and others, and the skills to become a creative independent thinker and problem solver.

#### **Vision**

#### ***Inspiring and Challenging Our Students to Accomplish Their Personal Best***

#### **Students will:**

- Foster a curiosity for learning.
- Engage in productive cognitive struggle.
- Find their individual passions, creativity, and strengths.
- Grow increasingly self-confident.
- Develop appreciation for multiple disciplines and the larger world.
- Collaborate, communicate, and adapt.
- Build respectful relationships.

#### **Implications for the Classroom**

To achieve our mission and vision, we create safe, **active learning environments** in which students are generating ideas, questions, and hypotheses, collaborating with peers and teachers, using their imaginations, inventing, taking responsibility for their own learning, and reflecting on their work.

Specifically, we promote active learning within six critical components of teaching and learning:

1. Classroom talk
2. Instruction
3. Assessment
4. Student work
5. Materials/resources
6. Classroom environment