

MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS **FIVE MEASURABLE DISTRICT GOALS**

- Achievement and graduation for all students, regardless of their circumstances and abilities.
- Refine and implement a quality supervision and evaluation program for all staff.
- Define and implement a quality professional development program that encompasses best practices and supports the needs of all staff.
- Restructure the organization to become more efficient, effective and accountable to support the goals of the District.
- Cultivate and enhance staff, student, parent, business and community involvement.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2008, the Missoula County Public Schools Board of Trustees approved the district goals above in order to address the needs of 21st Century learners. One of the goals focuses on professional development “to provide staff with best practices and the expertise to make a difference for all students regardless of their circumstances.”

(Superintendent, Dr. Alex Apostle’s, message August, 2008.)

Ongoing, job-embedded professional development builds a foundation of teacher excellence, a critical component to improving student achievement. Teachers must have not only an extensive knowledge of Career and Technical Education content, but must also possess a deep understanding of how students learn. Appropriate content and pedagogical preparation enables teachers to design lessons and implement curriculum using research proven practices and strategies in an environment where all students have an opportunity to succeed.

TECHNOLOGY

The integration of curriculum and technology is essential to prepare today’s students for participation in a viable democratic society. Therefore, the MCPS Library Media Curriculum Committee views technology as integral to all curricula. In this document, technology may refer to the instruments and techniques for investigations, inquiry, and analysis, as well as to technological literacy, knowledge of technologies and the associated costs, risks, and benefits to society.