# THE GARDEN GROVE WAY

Garden Grove Unified School District is proud of its long-standing record of academic excellence. Winner of the Broad Prize for Excellence in Education, Garden Grove Unified School District is leading the way among large California districts with a record number of students meeting California college entrance requirements - well above the statewide and Orange County average! The secret to the success of our award-winning schools is that we treat all of our students as if they are our own children, always putting their needs first. Our deep commitment to our students is expressed in this new Strategic Plan that was developed interactively with students, staff and parents. Our Vision and Mission statements below establish what we do and why we do it. In the pages that follow, you will be introduced to our three new district goals as well as our plan for annually sharing our successful results with all stakeholders.



# Our Vision

We are committed to preparing all students to be successful and responsible citizens who contribute and thrive in a diverse society.

# Our Mission

To ensure student success, we will provide a rigorous and supportive academic experience that motivates all learners to meet high expectations.





# Goal **One** Academic skills

All learners will develop the academic skills necessary for continual individual growth towards mastery of standards.

# Goal One A

### ACADEMIC CONTENT

GGUSD students will demonstrate continued growth in all content areas, including critical thinking and problem-solving. Student progress in all subject areas, including their core classes and electives, will be supported by technology and assessed regularly to ensure your child is succeeding!

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### Goal One B

### ACADEMIC ENGLISH

Mastery of Academic English is crucial for all learners, whether English is their first or second language. We will support all students' academic English so they can excel in reading, writing, listening and speaking.

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# Goal One C

### SCHOLARLY HABITS

Scholarly habits are necessary for academic achievement and include maintaining focus, goal-setting, note-taking, time management and the use of effective study skills. We will teach, support and reinforce scholarly habits so students are always ready to learn!





# Goal **Two** personal skills

All learners will develop the personal skills necessary to achieve academic and social goals.



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### Goal Two A

### MOTIVATION

Motivation is one of the most important ingredients for success in school and life. We will assist students in GGUSD to demonstrate continued growth in their attitude towards learning by pursuing academic challenges and believing in their ability to master challenging material and improve over time in order to achieve their goals.

# 2B

## Goal **Two B**

### SOCIO-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

Positive feelings about oneself and others result in respectful and helpful interactions between students and adults, preparing students for current and lifelong success. We will assist GGUSD students in demonstrating continued growth in their attitudes about themselves and others in order to develop their socio-emotional well-being.

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# Goal **Two C**

### CLIMATE & CULTURE

Research shows that school and classroom climate play a large role in student success. In GGUSD, we will support schools and the district to demonstrate continued growth in maintaining a positive and safe learning climate for all stakeholders. By respecting differences and embracing diversity, we all benefit!





# Goal **Three** LIFELONG SUCCESS

All learners will be prepared for lifelong success in their intended career paths.

### Goal Three A

### COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Even before students graduate from high school, we will identify if students are on track for graduation and success after high school, so we can support students in order to maximize their graduation and college entrance rates.

### Goal Three B

### COLLEGE & CAREER SUCCESS

Just as parents do, we want all our students to be successful with us, after they graduate and throughout their lives. Even after your children leave us, we will continue to monitor their success after high school.

### GGUSD IS COMMITTED TO SUCCESS!

We take seriously our commitment to our students and community. Every year, all students, parents and employees are invited to provide their feedback by completing an annual survey. The survey results, combined with other data on our progress toward each of our goals, will be distributed to all stakeholders in an annual district progress report each fall.

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