

Strategic Plan

<p>Beliefs <i>An expression of fundamental values, ethical code, overriding convictions, inviolable principles.</i></p>	<p>The Smithville Middle School believes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive partnerships between home, school, and community create a strong foundation for learning. • Everyone can learn in an emotionally, physically, and academically safe environment. • All stakeholders have the responsibility to communicate professionally and effectively. • Every person deserves to be valued and respected. • We are responsible for providing experiences for our students to become critical thinkers. • Positive and appropriate relationships are essential in education. • The greatest opportunity to influence a child's life resides with the parent/guardian. • Education provides opportunities for social, emotional, academic, intellectual, and physical growth empowering students to become responsible citizens. • Everyone deserves excellence in his/her educational experiences through continual progress and improvement. • Teachers have a unique and powerful opportunity to impact a child's life.
<p>Mission Statement <i>Highest aspiration and purpose of the school system; a declaration of the unique identity of which the school district aspires, its specific purpose, and the means by which it will achieve its purpose.</i></p>	<p>Building on a foundation of strong community values, a highly invested staff and a safe and welcoming environment, Smithville Middle School will create a positive learning experience and assist in the transitional development of each 6th, 7th and 8th grade student by encouraging student voice, enhancing leadership skills, fostering opportunities for personal growth and supporting innovative thinking and the desire to learn.</p>
<p>Strategic Objectives <i>An uncompromising commitment to achieve specific, measurable, observable, or demonstrable results that exceed present capability.</i></p>	<p>Smithville Middle School will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist each student to transition to high school as an innovative thinker, creative problem solver and motivated learner by investing in highly qualified staff while sustaining a premiere learning environment. • Support each student to discover and pursue his/her unique interests and talents through curricular and extra-curricular experiences. • Instill in each student the interpersonal skills to be an effective communicator, a positive team player and a goal oriented individual. • Cultivate responsible citizens and effective leaders that serve the needs of the community with ideas and actions.
<p>Parameters <i>Boundaries within which the school district will accomplish its mission; self-imposed limitations.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The needs of the student are the first consideration when making decisions. • Actions have consequences, and decisions should be reflective of the consequences they will have. • We will commit to transparency and quality in how and what our district communicates. • We will pursue excellence in all facets of district operations.
<p>Tactics <i>Bold resolutions that dedicate the school district's resources and energies toward the continuous creation of systems to achieve the extraordinary as expressed in the mission and objectives.</i></p>	<p>Smithville Middle School will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will engage all facets of the community as partners and align people and resources strategically to maximize impact. • Expand the variety of curricular and extra-curricular programs to meet the diverse and changing needs and interests of each student • We will implement engaging, innovative and relevant activities into our current programs and curriculum. • Continuously improve staff culture by investing in each staff member.

