

— Refreshed Vision, Mission,  
Beliefs, Foundational Pillars

# Glen Ellyn School District 41 Vision Statement

**Strategic Plan Theme:** Children are at the heart of all decisions.

## **Our Vision**

Ignite passion. Inspire excellence. Imagine possibilities.

## **Our Mission**

We embrace an optimistic future in partnership with families on behalf of our community's children. We educate the whole child by developing intellect and curiosity, engaging creativity, fostering responsibility **and citizenship** while building positive and collaborative relationships. **We establish a foundation for our students that leads to post-secondary opportunities and success.**

## Our Values

Our values are the cornerstones of our learning community and inform our actions on behalf of all children.

- We expect honesty, integrity and ethical behavior of all members of our learning community.
- We empower every child to become a self-directed lifelong learner.
- We emphasize critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration **and compassion**, which are essential to success, timeless in their importance, and are the basis of future learning.
- We engage **all** learners in a robust, well-rounded, whole-child education to close and prevent opportunity and achievement gaps, **beginning with our earliest learners.**
- We cultivate a culture of inclusion, acceptance, and belonging in our classrooms and schools **where diversity is celebrated.**
- We assume all children can learn at high levels when provided with differentiated instruction and supports.

## Our Foundational Pillars

Our foundational pillars are the crosscutting interdependent attributes that are central to realizing our hopeful vision and in which the entire Glen Ellyn strategic plan rests.

- **Learner-centered-** To address the needs of the whole child, we will attend to the social, emotional, cognitive, physical, mental health, and trauma-based needs of learners. **Through intentional and strategic collaboration, we ensure that each and every student gets what they need.**
- **Equity-driven-** To meet the needs of and foster growth for **our diverse** learners, we will cultivate a culture of inclusion where all children, families, and staff are embraced and valued equally, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, socioeconomic circumstance, or **ability**.
- **Future-focused-** To prepare future-ready learners and citizens, we will ensure that learning experiences address the adaptive skills needed to thrive in an increasingly interdependent, technology driven, and global economy and society.
- **Data-informed-** **To ensure fair and reasonable accountability for results, we are committed to using multiple measures of student, school, and district performance data to inform action and improvement efforts.**