

# Community High School District 117 Mission, Beliefs and SMaC Summary

## **Mission Statement Themes and Frequencies**

### What

- Maximize/unleash/ignite/cultivate student achievement, growth, potential, etc. (4)
- Maximize/improve life opportunities (2)

### How

- Rigorous, well-balanced, supportive educational experience (3)
- Igniting passion/discovery (2)
- Engaging education experiences anchored in excellence (1)

### Key Verbs

- Maximize/maximum (4)
- Unleash (1)
- Ignite (1)
- Cultivate (1)
- Improve (1)
- Empower (1)
- Deliver (1)

### Attempt Merger of Ideas

*Maximize student achievement and growth through a rigorous, engaging and balanced educational experience*

*Maximize the unique potential of each student by through a rigorous and engaging educational program that ignites student passion and discovery*

## **Belief Statement Themes and Frequencies**

- Access to rigorous, balanced, challenging, research-based, etc. curriculum (6)
- Skilled, trained and caring staff (5)
- Caring, respectful, safe environment conducive to learning (5)
- Whole child (social, emotional, cognitive, physical, aesthetic) (4)
- Student centered (3)
- Innovation/creativity (3)
- Engaged, supportive community and partnerships (3)
- Efficient and prudent use of resources (3)
- Diversity, equity, inclusive practices (2)
- Recognize and celebrate success (1)
- Visionary leadership (1)
- Risk-taking (1)
- Pride in self, school and community (1)

### Possible belief lead-in statements (optional)

- *Student achievement and growth are maximized when....*
- *The unique potential of each child is maximized when....*

### **SMaC Formula Themes and Frequencies**

- Balanced, relevant, viable, guaranteed, etc. curriculum (6)
- Community support and partnership (6)
- Positive/caring staff and student relationship (6)
- Extracurricular activities (many offerings, student interest, service) (5)
- Professional development and growth for staff (5)
- Strong, consistent and transparent communication (4)
- School pride and spirit (3)
- Supports for students and staff/special ed services (3)
- High quality and talented staff (3)
- Character development/social emotional growth (2)
- Technology accelerators (2)
- Develop and promote leadership from within (2)
- Fiscal responsibility (2)
- Attendance (1)
- Facilities (1)
- Family atmosphere (1)
- Burgeoning academic culture (1)
- Support creativity, innovation, risk-taking (1)
- Promote continuous growth (1)
- Stability of school board and superintendent (1)
- Challenge students outside their comfort zones (1)