

KAREN ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

To make a
difference in
the lives of our
students and
families of
Karen Acres.

DISTRICT MISSION: Teaching All—Reaching All

DISTRICT VISION: To bring learning to life for everyone.

2016–2017 GOALS

- 87.9% of 3rd–5th Grade students will be proficient or advanced in the area of reading as measured by the Iowa Assessments Reading test.
- 91.3% of 3rd–5th Grade students will be proficient or advanced in the area of math as measured by the Iowa Assessments Mathematics test.
- 93.3% of 3rd–5th Grade students will be proficient or advanced in the area of science as measured by the Iowa Assessments Science test.
- At least 50% of staff will be engaged as measured by the Employee Engagement Survey.
- At least 88.8% of 5th grade students will be engaged and 59.2% will be hopeful as measured by the Gallup Student Poll data administered in fall 2016.
- At least 94% of parents will indicate that families and school staff engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning as measured by the 2017 National PTA Standards Survey sub category of “Communicating Effectively.”

STRATEGIES

- Student development of growth mindset and focus on future career interests
- Goal teams led by model teachers to engage staff
- Student goal-setting using data binders
- Development and use of formative assessments to drive instruction
- Emphasis on school-wide and classroom-wide behavior and learning expectations
- At least monthly parent communication about learning expectations

GUIDING PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES

- Collaboration among staff through Professional Learning Community (PLC)
- Frequent monitoring of data—60 Day Reviews
- Continual Improvement practices—Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) learning cycles
- Differentiated instructional practices
- Ongoing parent communication and development of home-school partnerships



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