

**ACHIEVEMENT DIRECTION STATEMENTS – 2018-2021**  
**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Academic Achievement**

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**Commitment to District Initiatives**

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**Preparing All Learners**

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## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

### **Academic Achievement**

The South Colonie Central School District, through a culture of continuous reflection and improvement, will prepare all students to be college and career ready in an evolving and progressive society.

- We will use professional learning communities to analyze student growth and achievement using multiple measures such as Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessments, i-Ready, NYS ELA and NYS Math, and other local measures.
- We will work collaboratively to monitor student data and provide targeted interventions to ensure students access Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).

### **Commitment to District Initiatives**

The South Colonie Central School District will support District initiatives that increase academic achievement in all areas.

- We will continue to implement and support the Units of Study in Reading and Writing with fidelity.
- We will monitor and support the initial implementation of the co-teach program.
- We will utilize and continue to align curriculum documents for Math, Science and Social Studies instruction.

### **Preparing All Learners**

The South Colonie Central School District will provide a variety of accessible opportunities to reach a diverse population of learners.

- We will foster a school community that supports social and emotional development and leads to a safe, respectful learning environment.
- We will continue to promote digital literacy to prepare students to be global citizens.

### **Culture of Success**

The South Colonie Central School District believes that all adults share the responsibility of accountability and personal growth as well as the duty to model these expectations for our students.

- We will accept our professional responsibility to model these expectations to all of our students.
- We will facilitate a safe learning environment and positive school climate.

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## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

### **Academic Achievement**

The South Colonie Central School District, through a culture of continuous reflection and improvement, will prepare all students to be college and career ready in an evolving and progressive society.

- Continue to emphasize meaningful student engagement in all instructional settings.
- Ensure that student assessments are aligned with instruction.
- Access for all students to a rigorous and relevant curriculum across grade levels and all content areas.
- Show growth in student scores on all NYS assessments and increase the number of students achieving mastery on all NYS assessments.

### **Commitment to District Initiatives**

The South Colonie Central School District will support District initiatives that increase academic achievement in all areas.

- Middle School faculty will work in conjunction with District administration to support District initiatives, including:
  - i-Ready
  - Lucy Calkins reading and writing units of study
  - Implementation of Next Generation Learning Standards
  - Benchmark assessments
  - Alignment of Special Education programs and services to meet the evolving needs of all learners

### **Preparing All Learners**

The South Colonie Central School District will provide a variety of accessible opportunities to reach a diverse population of learners.

- Ensure that all sub-groups of learners are meeting targeted goals.
- Continue to assess all instructional programs and student support services to measure relevancy and efficacy.
- Implement targeted interventions across all grade levels to meet the needs of all students.
- Promote digital citizenship and literacy.

### **Culture of Success**

The South Colonie Central School District believes that all adults share the responsibility of accountability and personal growth as well as the duty to model these expectations for our students.

- All middle school staff members will work together and share in the responsibility for promoting the success of all students.
- A culture of professionalism, excellence and accountability will be fostered by all middle school staff members.

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## HIGH SCHOOL

### **Academic Achievement**

The South Colonie Central School District, through a culture of continuous reflection and improvement, will prepare all students to be college and career ready in an evolving and progressive society.

- Promote a culture of high expectations for all; met through accountability in a safe and nurturing environment
- Use of data to positively impact instruction, growth and results.
- Emphasis on Literacy across all content areas.

### **Commitment to District Initiatives**

The South Colonie Central School District will support District initiatives that increase academic achievement in all areas.

- Ensure our students access to 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills for career and college readiness.
- Improve student achievement and results.
- Improve the LRE opportunities and learning experiences for students with disabilities.

### **Preparing All Learners**

The South Colonie Central School District will provide a variety of accessible opportunities to reach a diverse population of learners.

- Provide accessible character education and extracurricular options for students.
- Emphasis on blended and differentiated instruction to reach all learners.
- Interventions and enrichment programs are based in research; delivered with support and meaning.

### **Culture of Success**

The South Colonie Central School District believes that all adults share the responsibility of accountability and personal growth as well as the duty to model these expectations for our students.

- Professional expectations and accountability requirements are being met.
- Commitment to continuous improvement of Tier 1 instruction.
- Increased community (school) involvement by staff; more of a family or team feel to the environment. Change the environment, then you can change the results – Social Capital.
- Ownership of the students' success/failure belongs to all of us.

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### **Academic Achievement**

The South Colonie Central School District, through a culture of continuous reflection and improvement, will prepare all students to be college and career ready in an evolving and progressive society.

- We are committed to achieving a year's worth of growth for years' worth of education for all learners (using local assessment and benchmarks).

### **Commitment to District Initiatives**

The South Colonie Central School District will support District initiatives that increase academic achievement in all areas.

- We will implement, monitor, and support with fidelity, co-teach programming, in order to support all learners in the least restrictive environment.
- In order to support and increase achievement of students with disabilities, the Special Education Department will begin to explore, study, and incorporate the use of Explicit Instruction strategies.
- We will provide and implement Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools (TCIS) training in order to expand our staff's capacity to effectively respond to our students social-emotional and behavioral needs/challenges.
- We will initiate and organize a District Tier II/III Behavior Team that will work collaboratively with building teams to provide support as well as monitor student discipline and crisis intervention data.

### **Preparing All Learners**

The South Colonie Central School District will provide a variety of accessible opportunities to reach a diverse population of learners.

- Ensure that all students with disabilities are meeting their targeted goals and make adjustments, as necessary to help.
- Continue to assess all programs and student support services to measure effectiveness.
- Begin to operate from a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) model, which is a comprehensive tiered system that supports academics as well as social-emotional and behavioral development K-12.
- Promote digital citizenship and literacy.

### **Culture of Success**

The South Colonie Central School District believes that all adults share the responsibility of accountability and personal growth as well as the duty to model these expectations for our students.

- A culture of professionalism, collegiality, and excellence will be embraced by all Special Education staff members.