

# Arapahoe High School

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to create an engaging teaching-learning environment that values student individuality and encourages students to:

- recognize and achieve their full potential,
- collaborate in the learning process,
- become lifelong learners, and
- participate actively in their local and global societies.

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## Vision Statement

Arapahoe High School commits itself to continued excellence in education while utilizing the ever-changing innovations in communication and technology. While looking to the future, we also honor our unique and long-held relationship with the Arapaho Tribal Nation by appreciating their values of respect and dignity. Through positive interpersonal relationships, relevant learning and rigorous curriculum, Arapahoe will continue to produce responsible and empowered participants who make meaningful contributions in the greater society.

**We will foster a culture of excellence by:**

- Upholding a positive learning environment.
- Promoting physical, emotional and social well-being.
- Raising self-awareness, positive relationships, and unity through participation in extra-curricular activities.
- Exhibiting self-discipline and embracing responsibility.
- Acknowledging and valuing individuality by celebrating individual efforts and achievements.
- Building open relationships that foster a trusting, thoughtful, caring school community.
- Seeking input from staff, students, parents and community members and valuing the influence this input can have on every student's future.

**We will promote best practices by:**

- Continuing to integrate technology to keep pace with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.
- Fostering and rewarding new, creative and imaginative approaches and ideas.
- Providing practical, differentiated learning experiences.
- Ensuring meaningful, relevant essential learnings.
- Implementing common assessments to measure academic growth.
- Developing cross-curricular integration.
- Using a variety of resources to solve problems.
- Remaining flexible and adaptable through times of change.

**We will develop procedures to:**

- Foster collaboration to fuel student achievement and continued school improvement.
- Utilize positive intervention strategies to allow all students to reach their full potential.
- Nurture students to become academic achievers who:
  - Take ownership and pride in their education.
  - Realize and develop their creative talents.
  - Read, write, listen and speak with purposeful reflection and intent.
  - Develop meaningful communication skills that utilize creativity and technology.

Arapahoe High School dedicates itself to a vision that extends far beyond the walls of the classroom. By recognizing the full potential of each student along with the rapidly changing demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Arapahoe compels its students, staff and community members to achieve a higher level of education—one that weaves together the world of intellectual pursuit with the spirit of responsibility, compassion and courage. Welcoming the challenge of these opportunities, Arapahoe students will not only embrace but enrich the world that awaits them.

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