

# Garden Valley School District

## Strategic Plan For Educational Excellence

### Mission:

Provide educational excellence that gives students the opportunity to succeed in an ever-changing world.

### Vision:

Our school district is a place where:

- students receive a quality education, perform at a high level of competence and enjoy a safe and caring atmosphere.
- all staff members continue to grow professionally and improve their skills to reach all learners

### Objectives:

Students will demonstrate:

- Exceptional education
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Commitment
- Integrity

### Key Beliefs

The school community understands and respects that students learn at different rates and in different ways.

All students can learn.

Education is the vehicle whereby each person develops self-esteem through respect, responsibility, commitment, and integrity.

All students are important, and it is the primary responsibility of the school community to educate them.

Education teaches students how to learn and inspires them to learn for the rest of their lives.

## School Demographic Data

Name	Grades	Address
Garden Valley School	K-12	1053 Banks-Lowman Rd Garden Valley, ID 83622
Lowman Elementary	K-5	3484 Banks-Lowman Rd Lowman, ID 83637

## STAR Ratings

Garden Valley School: 5 Star School  
 According to State Definitions, five star schools are recognized and celebrated for their excellent performance as top-performing schools across Idaho, which serve as an example to other schools.

## ISAT Results

School	ISAT Reading		ISAT Math		Graduation Rate
	% Tested	% Proficient	% Tested	% Proficient	
Garden Valley School	100%	96.4%	100%	90.7%	100%

## Strategic Planning Process

In accordance with House Bill 521, in the summer of 2014, members of Garden Valley School District staff and administration, together with students and parents, have met to discuss plans for improving student performance. The plan has been posted via social media and on the district website to parents for feedback and suggestions, giving the entire Garden Valley community an opportunity to be a part of the school strategic planning process.

This plan will be reviewed and revised on an annual basis by a committee, led by the superintendent, under the direction of the Garden Valley School Board.

## Student Outcome Targets

As stated in our vision, our school is a place where students receive a quality education and students perform at a high level of competence. As such, we have high expectations for our students. At the secondary level our goals center around performance on standardized testing and college and career readiness. At the elementary level, these goals are supported by teachers who center their improvement in areas of interventions, evolving technologies, and providing a safe learning environment for their students.

What follows is a series of goals that have been developed by the district strategic planning committee. These series of goals represent the district's commitment to high academic standards for our students and professional expectations for our teachers.

### Secondary School Goals (Grades 6 through 12)

The state of Idaho has adopted the Idaho Core as the standards for our mathematics and language arts instruction. The Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) that has been a standardized test for our students for many years has gone through a significant revision to better assess a student's knowledge of the Idaho Core Standards. The organization that developed the questions for the test is called the Smarter-Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). The new ISAT has not had cut scores assigned therefore goals associated with it will be based on a percentage of our students who met proficiency.

**Our goal for our students initially with the new ISAT test will be that 85% of our students demonstrate proficiency on the exam.\***

The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets a student show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge. It tests a student's knowledge of reading, writing and math — subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school, and almost all colleges and universities use the SAT to make admission decisions.

**Our goal for our students initially with the SAT test will be that 85% of our students will score at, or above the national average on the SAT.**

One of the roles the district plays in the lives of students is to provide students with options after high school graduation. As a result the district will continue to support students in their desires to prepare for post-secondary careers and education.

*\*With the transition to the new ISAT and the raising of the academic expectations of the test, initial scores for all students in the state may be significantly lower than previous ISAT scores. This is not as a result of students knowing or performing less than before, but a result of the higher expectations. For this reason the proficiency goal for our students is lower than we are currently performing. This will be adjusted as we learn more about how the new test will be scored.*

**It is the goal for Garden Valley School District to provide students with post-secondary education and career planning and opportunities through the following:**

**Career Information System (CIS)  
8 in 6 program  
Idaho Fast Forward program  
Compass Testing**

**Dual Credit offerings  
Vocational/Technical Programs  
and Partnerships  
Scholarship advising**

Elementary Goals (Grades K-5)

**Goal—Provide high-quality instruction and interventions that match students' needs and level of performance.**

- Create a Response to Intervention Team that will consist of one school administrator, counselor, Special Education Director, and Title 1 teacher that will meet monthly with grade level teachers to analyze data and create strategies to improve student needs and levels of achievement.
- Conduct progress monitoring using easycbm.com three times a year for student body K-5, and monthly for Title 1 qualified students.

**Goal—Improve instructional practice by expanding the use of evolving technologies for staff and students.**

- Reduce reliance on traditional textbooks by using electronic instructional materials that are current and highly engaging.
- Students K-5 will participate in the Moby Max Reading/Language Arts program and will master assigned skills with 90% or better.
- Students K-8 will participate in the Khan Academy online math program and will master assigned grade level missions with 70% or better.
- Elementary teachers will participate in Khan Academy professional development training.
- Integrate and promote school (Lumens) and state digital resources (SchoolNet).

**Goal—Every student will be educated in a learning environment that is safe, drug-free, and conducive to learning.**

- The last week of October will be designated Drug Free Week. During this week, students will participate in activities to promote healthy choices and receive free drug prevention materials, speakers, and resources during Red Ribbon Week.