



CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT



VISION STATEMENT

Cascade School District is dedicated to structuring education so students are ready for the challenges of the future. We want to create learning experiences that foster curiosity, encourage problem-solving, and help students adapt to a fast-changing world. Our goal is to offer flexible and personalized learning pathways, hands-on projects, and real-world experiences that connect knowledge to action. By strengthening core academics, expanding career-based learning, and teaching essential life skills, we aim to give students the tools to think critically, create boldly, and shape the future in meaningful ways.



VALUE #1

RESPECT – Ramblers treat others with dignity and kindness

By valuing each other's strengths and learning humbly from one another, we aspire to forge a robust and vibrant culture of respect that strengthens our district and enriches our collective experience. This journey begins with valuing ourselves and others, and extends to our board, administrators, teachers, students, parents, and the entire community. We commit to treating everyone with the dignity and kindness we wish to receive. Together, we will not just aspire to excellence; we will embody it.



VALUE #2

RESILIENCE – The ability to adapt and persevere

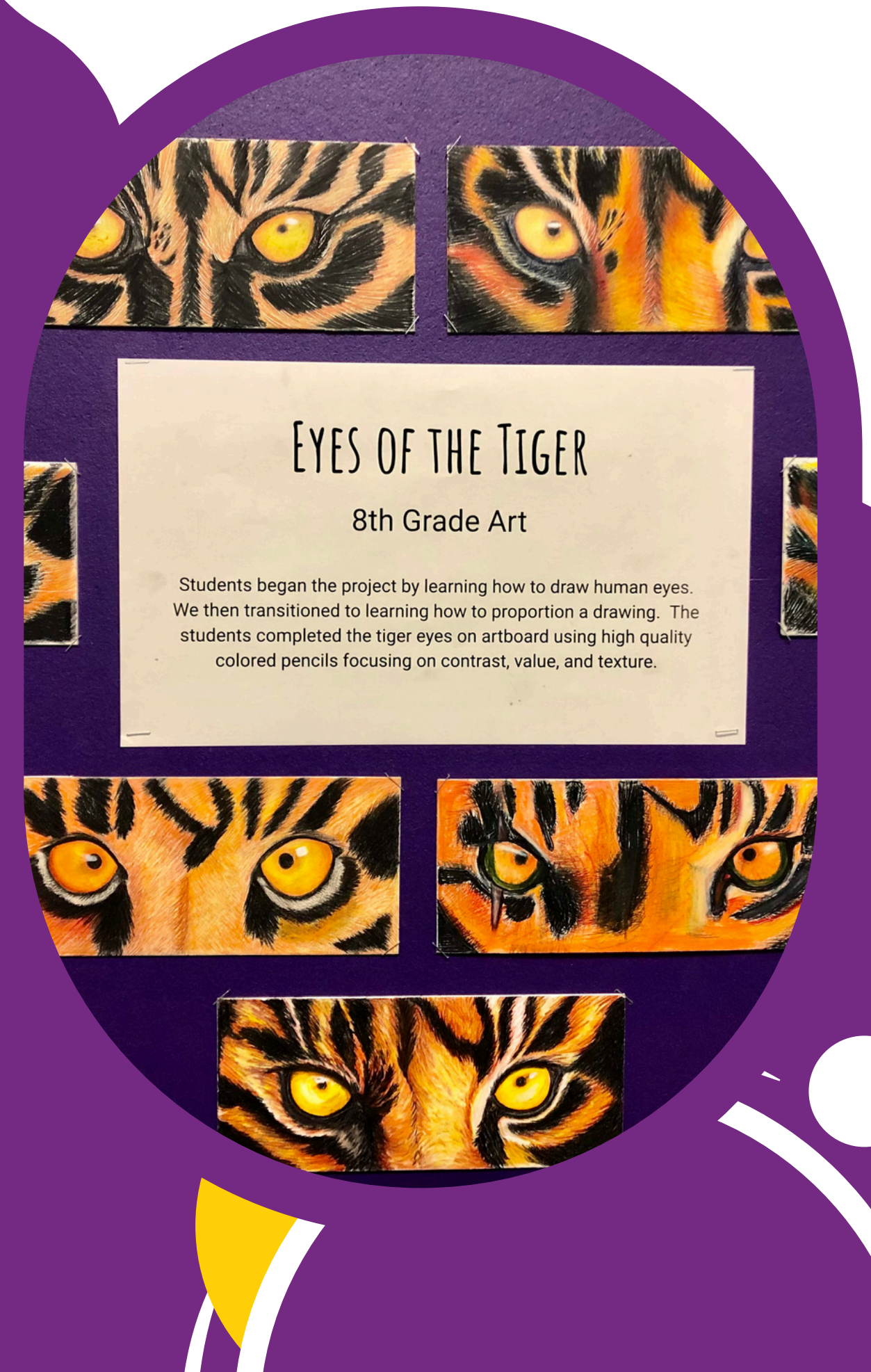
We need challenges to hone our abilities and to prove our own capabilities to ourselves. Whether we choose a challenge or the challenge chooses us, we crave the work necessary to grow through it. Strong communities are built on strong individuals coming together, and strength is the result of resilience. By practicing our core values together, we create the resources and support we need to not just survive – but THRIVE!



VALUE #3

RESPONSIBLE - staying disciplined, working toward goals, and using strengths to grow.

We are responsible to become who and what we are capable of becoming. Being responsible requires hard work, self-discipline, and achievement of our continually expanding potential. This results in us gaining the life we work for, but also the ability to give back to our community. We are responsible to know ourselves well enough to make decisions that honor our future selves.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

We have listened to our community and are answering the call to align ourselves with the values and desires of Cascade.



OBJECTIVE #1: CORE ACADEMICS

Goal:

Ensure that all students achieve academic mastery and preparedness for post-secondary education, careers, or other certificate pathways by enhancing curriculum alignment, expanding advanced learning opportunities, and strengthening literacy and numeracy skills.



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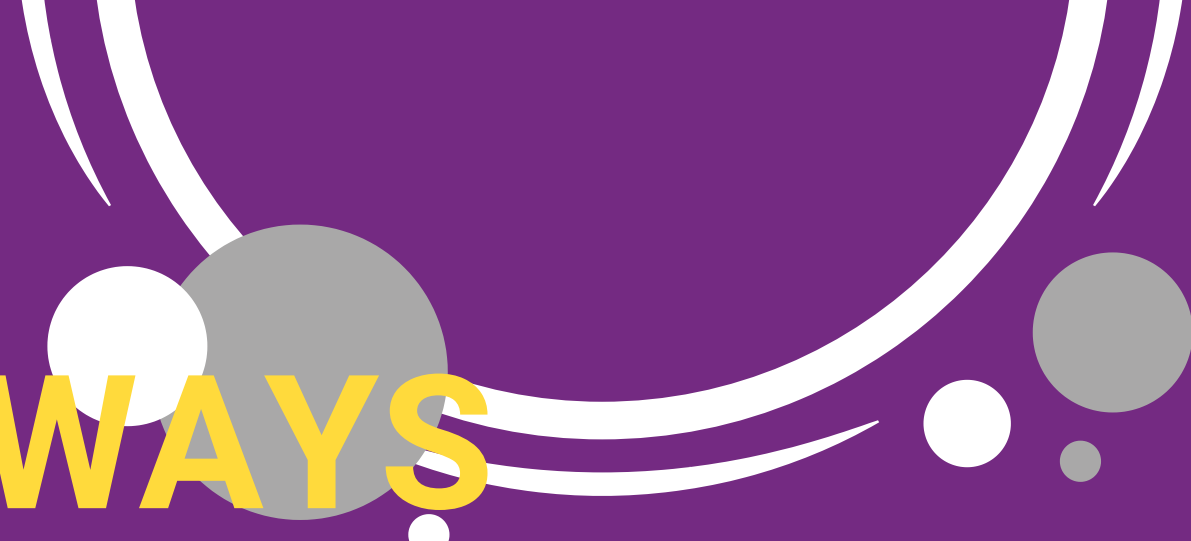
Supporting Logic:

A strong foundation in reading, writing, math, and science is key to success in school and life. When students master core subjects, they are better prepared for college, jobs, and everyday problem-solving. By offering advanced courses, we challenge students who are ready for more, while also helping those who need extra support. Making sure our math and science lessons connect to real-world situations helps students see why learning is important. If we focus on improving literacy and communication, we can give students the tools they need to think clearly, explain their ideas, and work well with others.



OBJECTIVE #2:

CTE & VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS




Goal:

Develop a robust career and technical education (CTE) program that equips students with industry-relevant skills, hands-on experience, and direct pathways to high-demand careers through strengthened partnerships with businesses, apprenticeships, and certifications. Establish a local CTE center that supports local, state, and national industry needs by offering multiple vocational pathways, including but not limited to those aligned with the Agriculture Food, & Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster such as welding, mechanics, mining, and pathways within AFNR like animal science, plant systems, and environmental sciences, ensuring students gain real-world training that prepares them for immediate employment or further specialized education.

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Supporting Logic:

College isn't the only path to success, and our students deserve options that match their strengths and interests. Many great careers in welding, mechanics, mining, and agriculture-related fields offer strong wages, job security, and room to grow. By building a local CTE center and offering hands-on learning opportunities, we give students real skills they can use right away. Programs that follow the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster connect classroom learning with real-world careers. Working with local businesses and industry experts helps students earn certifications, gain experience, and explore career paths close to home. When students see a direct link between school and their future, they're more engaged, confident, and ready to succeed.



OBJECTIVE #3: COMMUNICATION & CRITICAL THINKING

Goal:

Foster a culture of strong communication and analytical thinking by integrating structured writing, debate, public speaking, and workplace readiness programs that prepare students to be confident and effective professionals.



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Supporting Logic:

Clear communication is a skill that everyone needs. Whether students are writing essays, speaking in public, or explaining ideas in a job interview, they need to be able to express themselves well. Teaching students how to build strong arguments and think critically helps them make smart decisions in life. Public speaking opportunities help students gain confidence, while workplace training—like resume writing and interview practice—makes them more prepared for their future careers. When students know how to speak, write, and think clearly, they can better advocate for themselves and succeed in any path they choose.

OBJECTIVE #4:

LIFE SKILLS

Goal:

Prepare students for independent and responsible adulthood by implementing comprehensive life skills education, including financial literacy, wellness, time management, and essential practical skills needed for success beyond the classroom.

OBJECTIVE #4:

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Supporting Logic:

School should prepare students for life, not just tests. Understanding how to manage money, cook a meal, fix a car, or take care of their health are skills every student needs. Many young adults struggle with budgeting, saving, and credit because they were never taught these skills in school. Learning how to balance school, work, and personal time helps students stay organized and reduces stress. By focusing on wellness, we help students build healthy habits that last a lifetime. Giving students real-world skills helps them feel confident and capable when they step out on their own.