

RSU 9 Strategic Planning Committee
Major Work for the Plan
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Curriculum: Our Instruction

KEEP	CHANGE
Adaptive, flexible, collaborative Keep & add more experiential education..science, technology etc.... Best practices Expose students to life outside of W Maine; support field trips/experiences; embrace exchange programs outbound & inbound; Expand teaching of foreign languages	Individualized learning More differentiation of instruction for our students Exposure to career paths & connections to learning Increase student focus Increase student choice & voice Student centered learning Focus on student centered classrooms Interdisciplinary instruction Scheduling based on what is known about child development, circadian rhythms & individual needs More alternative pathways for at risk students More opportunities for hands on learning with P/D for staff and support for implementation
DELETE	CREATE
Take away homework	More outdoor classroom opportunities & partnerships with other community entities Recreate Student Success & Innovation Center Create a learning institute to keep abreast of current research on teaching & learning/best practices Create innovative curriculum...not boring Better instructional materials Create opportunities for individualized learning

Curriculum: Our Content

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<p>Variety of choices: ex. exposure @ elementary level to music & languages; FT programs Art, music, FTC High expectations Financial literacy Variety of extra curricular BARR program</p>	<p>More life skills ///</p> <p>Life skills curriculum for all students integrated w/other courses: ex. French class-make break, automotive class-calculate cost to maintain vehicle or “how to buy a car manual”</p> <p>More active, hands on learning</p> <p>Review extra curricular program: changes as needed</p> <p>Earlier introduction of professions & career paths</p> <p>Teach with and about equity -many students and families feel marginalized</p> <p>Increase interdisciplinary offerings</p> <p>Overtly teach critical thinking skills</p> <p>Community based learning</p>
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	<p>Create robust social emotional curriculum</p> <p>More course options...K-12 music, art</p> <p>IT familiarity</p> <p>Applied math</p> <p>Financial literacy</p> <p>Robotic control systems</p> <p>Communication skills</p> <p>Hire a tech wizard to plan for technology in the future; pull from real world (ex.Matt Allen, engineer, then teacher)</p> <p>Offer Professional development in different topic areas</p> <p>Add more opportunities for apprenticeships, internships locally to apply skills to real world</p>