

ROWE ROCKET READER



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Hello Rowe families,

We hope that you all have been well and we are eager to partner together this year as we embark on our Fall remote learning teaching and learning journey! Although this year is not beginning as we planned, we are more than thrilled about this upcoming year! We are honored to begin a new year as principals of Rowe Elementary and Rowe Middle School.

This summer, we were part of intensive professional development for principals that kept us busy planning for the upcoming year. The professional development was in partnership with the Accelerate Institute. Throughout the year we will share school data, goals, and continuous improvement plans that will ensure we are living out our mission. The work that we must put forth will not stop due to being remote, it simply means that we **NEED** a true partnership with our families more than ever to make sure our scholars get what they need, meet their goals, and are prepared for their current grade level and beyond.

For those of you who have recently joined our Rowe community OR if you need a refresher, here's a timeline that frames our journey at Rowe:

- 2013 Ms. Wilson joins Rowe as a teacher
- 2019 Ms. Beckless joins Rowe as AP
- 2019-2020 Principals transitioned into current roles.
- January 2020 Principals begin creating the Rowe Roadmap (5-year goals)
- February 2020 Principals began their partnership with Accelerate Institute, an organization that is committed to closing the achievement gap through transformational leadership
- Summer 2020 Principals and LT members attended an **intensive** summer professional development around school goals and planning

As principals, it is our responsibility to ensure that scholars are learning and we make strides toward meeting our 5-year goals, mission, and vision. Although we are remote learning, we will continue to hold high expectations for ourselves, our teachers, and our scholars. Below you will find our year-long goals outlined.

Rowe Elementary Year-long Goals

Yearlong Academic Goal #1 State Accountability (K-1)

- Skills (EL): **50%** of scholars will meet or exceed grade-level benchmarks as measured by F&P data
- Scaffolding based on data and will raise this in January
- MM/EOM (Eureka): **70%** of scholars at **70%** proficiency of standards on Eureka assessments.
- Rationale: K-1 on grade level in the past has ranged from 39% - 46%.

(2-5)

By the end of every grade, **55%** of scholars will be on or above grade level as measured through **NWEA**.

- Rationale: 2-5 on grade level in the past has ranged from 34% - 42%.

Yearlong Academic Goal #2 Student Growth

By the end of every NWEA assessment, **70%** of scholars will meet or exceed their growth targets in math and reading.

Rowe Middle School Year-long Goals

Yearlong Academic Goal #1 State Accountability

70% of scholars (6-8) will be on or above grade level in Math and Reading as measured through NWEA.

- Rationale: In the past, 6-8th grade attainment percentages ranged from 46% -54%

Yearlong Academic Goal #2 Student Growth

60% of scholars (6-8) will meet/exceed their growth goals in Math and Reading as measured through NWEA

Rationale: In the past, 6-8th grade growth percentages ranged from 39% -45%

We understand that learning will look and feel a lot differently this fall. However, we still have high expectations for ourselves as the staff members who serve your scholars and for the scholars themselves. We will work tirelessly this fall to ensure that your scholar is successful both in their academics and in their social-emotional skills. We believe that all scholars CAN and WILL learn, even under these unique remote circumstances we face. We also believe that family partnerships are more important than ever. This collaboration between staff and families will be essential to your child's success. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything.

With love and gratitude,

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