

Memorandum of Understanding

Success-Ready Students Network: System Design Zone Cohort 2

Whereas, the Platte County R-3 School District (District) is committed to educating and preparing its students to be a Success-Ready Student; and

Whereas, the Success-Ready Students Network: System Design Zone (SDZ) is a collaborative initiative where leading Missouri public school districts and charter schools work together to grow in their understanding and application of using a competency-based mind-set to personalize learning to ensure every student has the knowledge, skills and dispositions they need to be high school, college, career and workplace ready; and

Whereas, use of a competency-based learning mindset and the creation of real-world learning opportunities for students are intended to inform continuous improvement in instructional practice and learning system design at the classroom, school and district levels; and

Whereas, collaboration and input between the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and school districts and charter schools is necessary to implement effective changes in state policy, including assessment and accreditation practices; and

Whereas, learning opportunities for students are best supported through collaboration with stakeholders.

Now Therefore the District and the Success-Ready Students Network agree to the following:

- 1. Membership in the SDZ:** The District's Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and/or designee(s) to fully participate in the SDZ as formalized in the District's application and this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 2. Professional Learning:** The District will participate fully in regularly scheduled SDZ meetings (e.g. virtual, hybrid, in-person).
- 3. Share Practices:** The District will serve as a site visit location for other Missouri educators and stakeholders.
- 4. High School, College, Career, Workplace Readiness:** The District will explore expansion of real-world learning opportunities for students in collaboration with identified partners.
- 5. Inform and Improve Instructional Practice:** The District will engage in study and research (within federal, state and district legal requirements and secure protocols) which inform instructional practice and system design that help identify important qualities of reimagined assessment for learning and accreditation systems; and,

6. Remove Barriers to and Create Solutions: The District will support the development of group designed waiver request(s) to DESE (e.g. MSIP 6, federal) that identify solutions to barriers currently impeding the goal of every student mastering the knowledge, skills and dispositions they need to be high school, college, career and workplace ready. Each SDZ district can determine if they would like to participate in an approved waiver request.

ADOPTED THIS THE NINETEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

PLATTE COUNTY R-3 SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Doug Doll, Board President

Date

By: _____
Dr. Jay Harris, Superintendent

Date

SUCCESS READY STUDENTS NETWORK

By: _____
Dr. Mike Fulton

Date