

Steller Secondary School Strategic Plan 2010 to 2014

Mission

Inspiring a community of independent, confident, self-directed learners.

Definition

Steller is a student centered educational setting where students are empowered to work as an equal partner with faculty and parents to realize educational goals

Envisioned Future

Build the capacity to celebrate our first 50 years at Steller in 2025

Purpose

Secondary Alternative Education

Core Values

Responsible Freedom, Self-Direction
Ownership, Community ([see detailed values](#))

Slogan

Get it, own it, pass it on

Strategic Directions for the Plan Period of 2010 to 2014

As prioritized at the March 24, 2011 Steller All Community Meeting:

- Facility Improvements
- Teacher Recruitment
- Student Retention and Recruitment – academic nest or home base concept, branding
- Projects – senior projects, passages, intensive presentations, etc.
- Development of a Community School Program
- Teacher Training
- Parent/Family Communications (not on the March 24 meeting list)
- Exit Surveys (not on the March 24 meeting list)

Steller's Values

Student ownership of the path to learning

Self-motivated, self-directed learners can surpass all expectations.

Intellectual development and preparation

Adult challenges, in college and life, reward flexible thinkers, innovative problem-solvers and serious scholars. We prioritize these skills over memorized educational content.

Freedom, individuality, and responsibility

Students who think and act for themselves gain the opportunity to take personal responsibility for their individual potential and for their obligations to others.

Commitment and hard work

Our school needs and requires dedication and consistent effort from every person.

Challenging limitations and taking risks

Learning—and teaching—should be a process of constant experimentation. We back up students and staff who try new things and stretch beyond the comfort zone.

Joy and love for learning

A good education instills life-long curiosity and delight in new knowledge and ideas.

Respect

We honor the worth of other people and the things they value, and our own worth as individuals.

Celebrating differences

We enjoy friends unlike ourselves. We encourage uniqueness. Diversity gives strength.

Kindness and helping

We're in this together; we reach out to one another. Every member of our community can teach and mentor another.

Student leadership

Students share in guiding the school as a whole. Empowered young people can grow into good citizens and leaders.

Community, within our school and beyond

Our school community sustains us as learners and as humans beings; Steller and its members likewise participate in the broader community of our neighborhood and world.

Learning through experience

Life is the ultimate classroom. Living is both the means and the purpose of education.