



Sycamore Elementary School

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Stakeholder Mindset

"Community and industry stakeholders have been instrumental in shifting our school and district vision to ensure the educational environment provided focuses on the whole child, better preparing them for a successful future. Local industry partners are involved in evaluating and modifying the STEM Action Plan, providing professional development opportunities for educators aligned directly to our community needs, facilitating career focused student discussions across classrooms and grade levels, participating with educators in PBL design and facilitation, and evaluating student PBL products. The relationships they have built with our students have truly made an impact in student lives."

-Julie Reagan

Rubric Drives Instruction

"The rubric has helped shift our instructional focus to a more facilitative role, assisting students in identifying the learning necessary to accomplish set criteria, setting specific short and long-term goals, and making direct connections between what they are learning and how it applies within our community."

-Julie Reagan



Creating Culture that Matters

"Earning the STEM designation has been a huge honor and students, faculty, and community members alike feel a great deal of pride in this achievement. A strong focus on STEM learning has encouraged a competitive yet collaborative culture that fosters a strong student voice and where learning from mistakes and failures drives creativity and innovation."

-Julie Reagan

PBL Spotlight

"Our 4th grade students were working on area and perimeter and 2 dimensional shapes. Our school was planning to put in an outdoor classroom. The 4th grade students worked to design an outdoor classroom complete with seating areas, various spaces for group work, and a teaching area. Their designs were so creative and interesting. They then presented their designs to the administration, PTA, and plant manager to select a design to be used. The design was approved and this spring they broke ground on the outdoor classroom. Our PTA also utilized the design plan when looking to purchase furniture for the outdoor space. This spring, the 3rd grade students will be working to design and add landscaping that supports our local wildlife and encourages biodiversity."

-Julie Reagan

