



Transforming Salina and the World

STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision

The vision of Salina Public Schools is to transform Salina and the world.

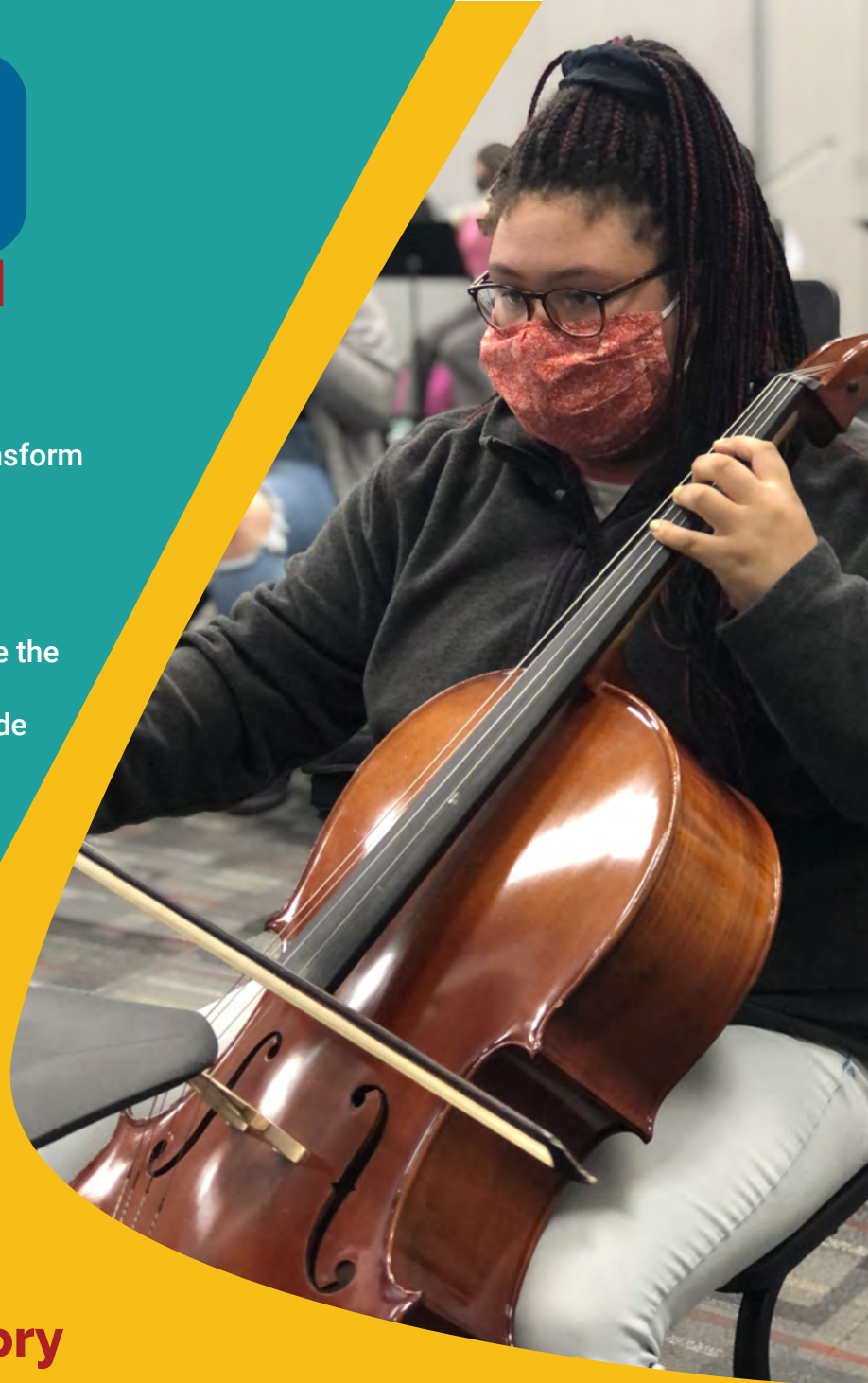
Mission

The mission of Salina Public Schools is to be the best place to learn and work by embracing challenges, creating belonging, fostering pride and inspiring hope.

Goals

Increase:

- Students' communication skills
- Students' critical thinking skills
- Students' social-emotional skills



About the Plan - Our Story

Where We've Been – In early 2020, over 3,000 comments were collected from community members, staff and students. The community identified areas of strength and ways we can grow. Based upon this community input, the USD 305 Board of Education defined a new vision, mission statement, and strategic goals (at www.usd305.com). Throughout 2021, a strategic plan task force met with the educational programs department to develop recommendations to address the new direction.

Where We're Going – In January 2022, a pilot group of staff were trained in Project Based Learning (PBL). Over the next several years, district-wide use of PBL will be one of the strategies to harness the power of classroom teaching to meet the strategic goals of increasing students' critical thinking, communication, and social-emotional skills. This PBL training is the beginning of a multi-year professional development initiative focused on engaging and reinvigorating students and teachers in the learning process. Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, measures will be in place to monitor student performance and growth toward the strategic goals.