



Dalton Elementary School

"We S.O.A.R. to Success!"

MISSION & VISION

Mission: Why do we exist?

At Dalton Elementary School, our mission is to ensure high levels of learning for all students and staff through a culture of respect, grit, resilience, and engagement. We partner with families to cultivate curiosity and collaboration, fostering a caring environment where all feel valued and supported so they can thrive on their educational journey. Dalton Dragons are continual, lifelong learners.

Vision: What must we become?

We believe our mission can be achieved by creating a system within the school that develops professional learning communities. We envision a school in which staff:

- Utilize collaborative teams to make decisions that ensure high levels of learning for every student.
- Set goals and intentionally use data to guide instruction, implementing best practices.
- Partner with families to promote transparent communication between home and school.
- Monitor each student's success to meet our commitments toward student achievement and overall well-being.

Collective Commitments:

In order to achieve the shared vision of our school, the Dalton Elementary community will make the following commitments:

Staff

- We commit to be positive, contributing members of our collaborative teams.
- We commit to study, clarify, and align assessment blueprints and district curriculum guides.
- We commit to develop and implement common formative assessments to monitor each student's learning.
- We commit to providing individual and small group instructional programs (additional learning time) for all students to intervene or extend learning for students.
- We commit to nurturing and keeping our students safe.
- We commit to providing parents with resources, strategies, and information to help students succeed.

Families

- We commit to be positive, contributing members of our student's educational team.
- We commit to having our kids at school on time each day (unless they are ill).
- We commit to positive communication with our child's teachers and will reach out to the teacher first if/when challenges arise.
- We commit to supporting our child's education at home (for example, checking in with our child, providing reading time, and practicing math facts regularly).

Students

- We commit to be positive, contributing members of our class, school, and community.
- We commit to having self-control, overcoming challenges, doing our best to grow and achieve, and showing respect to peers, school staff, and ourselves.*

Shared Goals

Student gains in reading and math, as summarized on I-Station/Amira and iReady, will increase 5% or more schoolwide (K-5) from fall 2026 to spring 2027.

**These are the S.O.A.R. qualities in "We S.O.A.R to Success!"*