Kansas City RWL Collaborative
Strategic Plan

Real World Learning

Goal

We are working together to ensure that by 2030 all students in the Kansas City region graduate with one or more Market Value Assets.

75 High Schools
31+ School Districts
83,000 Students

Mission

Committed to intentionally disrupting and reinventing education in the Greater Kansas City Region, the mission of Real World Learning is to ensure students, empowered by their sense of purpose and their connection to community, graduate with durable skills attained through a transformational regional collaborative distinguished by

• Meaningful, authentic, customized experiences

• Commitment to equitable outcomes with a goal of inclusive prosperity.

• Deep connectivity among community partners

• Entrepreneurial and innovative mindset.

• Value added to business and community.

Guiding Principles

Partnership

We will commit to partnerships with business, industry and community leaders which are rich, mutually beneficial and ever-evolving.

Collaboration

We will operate as a regional collective, leveraging resources, engaging a shared regional language and adopting a belief in the life-changing value of Real World Learning experiences for all learners.

Agency

We will commit to creating a culture where adults adopt the role of facilitator creating opportunities for every student to acquire Essential Skills by engaging in self directed deep learning experiences.

Advocacy

We will work to align organizational systems and policy advocacy to ensure quality, equity and growth.

Objectives

All students will:

1. Acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for life success.
2. Exercise ownership in their learning.
3. Develop life-changing and mutually beneficial connections with their community and individuals in it.

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Strategy 1: Students

We will equip each student with the capacity to understand and communicate their unique skills, dispositions, purpose, and aspirations.

Action Plan 1
Ensure student voice in the development and implementation of RWL by creating a regional school advisory group with representation from each participating school district.

Action Plan 2
Outline and clarify in grade level scope and sequence format, interest, aptitude, career exploration and professional skills.

Action Plan 3
Provide students and districts with career literacy resources and opportunities.

Strategy 2: Capacity

We will ensure learning opportunities specific to each role within the network for RWL success and sustainability.

Action Plan 1
Imbed RWL into each district's strategic plan.

Action Plan 2
Imbed RWL in every classroom

Action Plan 3
Provide School and business access to a clear and concise framework on how to understand, interact, and implement RWL successfully.

Strategy 3: Communication

We will amplify regional understanding and support for RWL

Action Plan 1
Deploy a regional RWL communication strategy.

Action Plan 2
Activate Branding Strategies using our internal experts.

Action Plan 3
Enhance the information technology (IT) connection of schools, students, and employer opportunities for RWL.

Strategy 4: Partnerships

We will mobilize the region to build a dynamic ecosystem for RWL opportunities.

Action Plan 1
Prepare students for successful engagement with business partners.

Action Plan 2
Preparing business partners for successful engagement with students.

Action Plan 3
Address dimensions necessary for successful business to education partnerships.