



A Letter to Sawyer STREAM Academy

Students and Families

Mission, Vision, Stakeholder Survey, and Acknowledgment

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Sawyer STREAM Academy. Our mission and vision are more than statements placed on our website or in school documents. They define the kind of education we intend to provide, the values that guide our decisions, and the qualities we hope students develop through their experience with the Academy.

Because students and families are essential partners in education, we want every member of our community to understand these statements, consider what they mean in practice, and tell us whether they reflect the educational experience you expect from Sawyer STREAM Academy. The brief survey and acknowledgment included with this letter provide a formal way for students and families to communicate their understanding and support.

Our Vision

Empowering students to become creative thinkers, problem solvers, and compassionate leaders.

Our vision describes the kind of young people Sawyer STREAM Academy seeks to develop. Creative thinkers are able to approach ideas with curiosity and imagination. Problem solvers use knowledge, evidence, persistence, and sound judgment to respond to challenges. Compassionate leaders understand that leadership includes responsibility, empathy, ethical conduct, and concern for others. This vision applies to students at every grade level and guides the academic, personal, and social outcomes we value.

Our Mission

At Sawyer STREAM Academy, our mission is to nurture intellect, integrity, and innovation through a project-based curriculum that connects academic learning to real-world purpose.

To nurture intellect means that we expect students to build strong knowledge, analytical ability, communication skills, and disciplined habits of learning. To nurture integrity means that we expect honesty, responsibility, respect, academic independence, and ethical decision-making. To nurture innovation means that students should not merely repeat information; they should investigate, design, create, evaluate, and apply what they learn.

Project-based learning connects these commitments to real-world purpose. Students are given opportunities to use academic knowledge in meaningful tasks, research questions, applied challenges, presentations, and creative work. The mission therefore guides both what students learn and how they are expected to use their learning.



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Family Values and the Culture of Care

The mission and vision are supported by Sawyer STREAM Academy's Family Values and Culture of Care. Family Values emphasize responsibility, honesty, respect, perseverance, service, and partnership between the home and school. The Culture of Care means that rigorous expectations are combined with dignity, encouragement, constructive communication, and appropriate support. Students are expected to work seriously and behave responsibly, while teachers and school leaders are expected to know students, respond professionally, and help them grow.

We ask students and families to review the survey that follows. The information will be used to determine whether our mission and vision are being communicated clearly and whether stakeholders believe the Academy is acting consistently with them. Individual responses will be treated respectfully, and summarized results may be used for school improvement and institutional review.

Sincerely,

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Sawyer STREAM Academy





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Mission and Vision Understanding and Support Survey

Please complete this survey after reading the letter. For younger students, a parent or guardian may explain each statement and record the student's response. Select one response for each statement.

Student Name		Grade	
Parent/Guardian		Date	

Response scale: 5 = Strongly Agree, 4 = Agree, 3 = Unsure, 2 = Disagree, 1 = Strongly Disagree

'S' = student / 'P' = parent

#	Statement	S/P	5	4	3	2	1
1	I understand the Sawyer STREAM Academy vision.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2	I understand the Sawyer STREAM Academy mission.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3	I can explain what creative thinking, problem solving, and compassionate leadership mean.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4	I understand that the Academy expects students to demonstrate intellect, integrity, and innovation.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5	I understand how project-based learning connects academic work to real-world purpose.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6	I believe the mission and vision describe worthwhile goals for students.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7	I believe Sawyer STREAM Academy's Family Values support the mission and vision.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8	I believe the Culture of Care supports both high expectations and appropriate student support.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
9	I support the direction expressed in the Academy's mission and vision.	S	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
10	My experience with Sawyer STREAM Academy reflects the mission and vision.	S/P	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
11	The Academy has communicated its mission and vision clearly to our family.	P	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
12	I understand my role in supporting the student's success within this mission.	P	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
13	I believe the educational program is consistent with the mission and vision.	P	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
14	I feel comfortable providing feedback when school practices do not appear consistent with the mission or vision.	P	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐



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Open-Response Questions

In your own words, what does the Sawyer STREAM Academy mission mean to you?

Which part of the mission or vision is most important to you, and why?

What is one way Sawyer STREAM Academy currently demonstrates its mission or vision?

What is one action the Academy could take to reflect its mission or vision more fully?



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Mission, Vision, Family Values, and Culture of Care Acknowledgment

This acknowledgment documents that the student and parent or guardian have received and reviewed Sawyer STREAM Academy's mission, vision, Family Values, and Culture of Care. Signing confirms understanding and support; it does not prevent a student or family from offering questions, concerns, or constructive feedback.

☐ I acknowledge that I have read or had explained to me the Sawyer STREAM Academy vision: "Empowering students to become creative thinkers, problem solvers, and compassionate leaders."

☐ I acknowledge that I have read or had explained to me the Sawyer STREAM Academy mission: "At Sawyer STREAM Academy, our mission is to nurture intellect, integrity, and innovation through a project-based curriculum that connects academic learning to real-world purpose."

☐ I understand that Sawyer STREAM Academy's Family Values emphasize responsibility, honesty, respect, perseverance, service, and partnership between the home and school.

☐ I understand that the Culture of Care combines rigorous academic and behavioral expectations with dignity, encouragement, constructive communication, and appropriate support.

Student Acknowledgment

I understand the mission and vision of Sawyer STREAM Academy and agree to make a good-faith effort to demonstrate creativity, problem solving, compassion, intellect, integrity, innovation, responsibility, and respect through my learning and conduct.

Student Name		Grade	
Student Signature		Date	

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

I understand the mission and vision of Sawyer STREAM Academy and agree to support the student's participation through appropriate routines, communication, encouragement, accountability, and partnership with the Academy.

Parent/Guardian Name		Relationship	
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Parent/Guardian Signature		Date	
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School Verification

The completed survey and acknowledgment may be retained as evidence that Sawyer STREAM Academy communicates its mission and vision to students and families, gathers stakeholder feedback, and documents stakeholder understanding and support.

Received By		Position	
Signature		Date Received	

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