

# (i)Plan 17



Mount Vernon Presbyterian School stands at the intersection of the second decade of the 21st century and the celebration of 40 years as a strong Christian educational community. This is an energizing and exhilarating time to be a part of Mount Vernon. While we are proud of our rich history, the School is on the verge of a new era of exploration and innovation, under the guidance of an energized staff, Board, and faculty leadership as well as committed and connected families. The 2012-2017 Strategic Plan, (i)Plan 17, is an outward expression of our inward passion. We seek to be the best in developing and delivering a 21st century learning experience.

**WE ARE A SCHOOL OF INQUIRY, INNOVATION, AND IMPACT.  
GROUNDED IN CHRISTIAN VALUES, WE PREPARE ALL STUDENTS  
TO BE COLLEGE READY, GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE, AND  
ENGAGED CITIZEN LEADERS.**

The School has highly ambitious goals for the upcoming years, and continual assessment and improvement of all facets of MVPS will ensure an uncompromising commitment to and achievement of excellence throughout every arena.

## DESIGN AND DEMONSTRATE

A 21st century framework for designing student success and demonstrating student mastery requires Mount Vernon to develop a rigorous, relevant, and innovative learning and assessment map for each student; recognizes the critical process of employing a variety of approaches and methodologies in order to engage and motivate students of this generation; and prioritizes the training and development of the faculty and staff in a fast paced digitally-based global marketplace. The most important relationship for programmatic excellence – academics, athletics, arts, and Christian studies – is the relationship between a teacher and a student, both actively involved in a state of continuous learning. Therefore, the School seeks to design engaging, challenging, and applicable learning opportunities for all students and to assess the quality of student work demonstrated through a variety of quantitative and qualitative experiences including the evaluation from external experts.



## Learning and Assessment Map

- Conduct a comprehensive evaluation clarifying the learning outcomes for each grade level that will most benefit students to be college ready, globally competitive, and engaged citizen leaders.
- Implement a balanced assessment system (standardized, adaptive, authentic, and performance-based) measuring student demonstration of learning and mastery of MVPS learning outcomes in order to support the development of each student.
- Develop a set of 21st century core competencies; infuse the competencies throughout our entire educational program; and assess the competencies against real world demands and expectations where students will be required regularly to demonstrate their work.



## Student Engagement Plan

- Design and expand programs of study before, during, and/or after school that allow students to explore their questions, passions, and interests in a hands-on, experiential learning environment.
- Provide appropriate access to emerging technology where students actively engage in using interactive technology as a tool into a learning environment to collaborate, construct, contextualize, and direct goals.
- Create a model that systematically seeks feedback and measures attitudes, perceptions, and beliefs of students about their work, the School environment, and their participation/contribution within the School community.

## Professional Learning Program

- Focus on the use of innovative instructional methods and supportive technologies that will engage and motivate students inside and outside the classroom environment.
- Utilize 21st century core competencies in ongoing design and implementation of teaching and assessment of learning in order to maximize student success.
- Foster a dynamic learning organization where professional collaborations are pursued through ongoing scholarly study, the development of professional learning networks, participating in learning walks, visiting other schools, partnering through research and development teams, attending conferences, and utilizing web-based training opportunities.



## CONNECT AND COLLABORATE

Partnerships are central to the future and sustainability of the School involving MVPS families, alumni, leading colleges and universities, faith-based organizations, the civic and business community, non-profit organizations, traditional and social media, and educational affiliations. Building on the momentum of recent success, these partnerships mobilize families and friends of the School to do the “heavy lifting” required to create and sustain continuous improvement and change. Additionally, advancing our public purpose as a private school demonstrates the importance of our relationship and responsibility to our local community and throughout the world.

- Enrich and expand opportunities for Mount Vernon parents to be engaged partners in 21st century learning and leadership.
- Seek to grow the School by attracting new students to Mount Vernon from culturally, geographically, racially, and socioeconomically diverse communities.
- Formalize an alumni association to maintain a strong relationship to the School as well as track postsecondary educational progress, career choices, and accomplishments.

- Collaborate with innovative schools, college and universities, and businesses throughout the world in order to ensure rigor and relevance inside and outside the classroom.
- Strengthen our local community by partnering with organizations/affiliations through outreach and philanthropy initiatives, restoration projects, tutoring programs, leadership conferences, and camps.
- Develop global partnerships (sister schools, non-profit organizations, multinational corporations) to find solutions to ongoing global problems.
- Initiate global learning opportunities for students through cultural exchange, travel, and service.
- Forge corporate partnerships through sponsorships, mentorships, internships, advisory opportunities, and project collaboration aligning with 21st century core competencies.
- Launch a world-class institute of innovation establishing Mount Vernon’s reputation as a leader in 21st century learning.
- Elevate the School’s brand identity through social media, and continuously investigate how these tools may advance learning opportunities for students and faculty.

## INVEST AND IMPACT

Throughout the School’s rich history, Mount Vernon has been blessed by the generosity of many parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends. This investment has allowed the School to expand and grow in enrollment, facility spaces, and quality programs. This is a critical moment in the School’s history to assess and ensure that the School campuses – learning spaces, technology infrastructure, arts, and athletics – are designed to deliver an innovative, Christian educational experience. Ultimately, Mount Vernon needs the philanthropic backing from every family to support the dedicated men and women charged with developing and delivering a quality educational experience for MVPS students.

- Cultivate within and beyond the MVPS community a stronger sense of recognition and giving to the annual fundraising program, ensuring the School’s capacity to fund its broad objectives in the short-term and the long-term.
- Secure capital funding from families, friends and foundations associated with MVPS in order to advance the School’s master plan on the Glenn Campus and a reinvestment on the Founders Campus that captures the vision and spirit of Mount Vernon.
- Seek additional programmatic grants from identified foundations and corporations focusing on professional development, technology needs, and student leadership opportunities.
- Acquire enhanced endowment support in order to grow and sustain the future of the School.
- Incorporate financial strategies to support attracting and retaining 21st century educators, increasing the funding for professional development, and minimizing the impact of tuition increases.



## We are in the business of ideas.

*The true power of ideas comes from implementation, and that cannot happen without vision, leadership, and community. In the same way, Mount Vernon’s mission to prepare our students to be college ready, globally competitive, and engaged citizen leaders cannot be realized without the involvement of the entire school community. Ultimately, your support brings us closer to being the best in developing and delivering a 21st century learning experience.*