

# Hightower Trail Middle School

## Vision

**Learning through ENGAGEMENT, PERFORMANCE, APPLICATION**

## Mission

**Engagement:** to stimulate learning through high-interest, student centered lessons, which promote individual connections.

**Performance:** To provide meaningful opportunities for students to apply and share acquired knowledge and skills.

To provide a learning environment that fosters an accountability partnership between students and teachers.

**Application:** To expect students to demonstrate their learning through meaningful and challenging situations in preparation for future career choices.

## Beliefs

### Engagement:

- We believe that students are engaged when their interest is captivated.
- We believe that student engagement is critical in order to establish a foundation for new information and retention of learning.

### Performance:

- We believe that for learning to have relevance, students must demonstrate their understanding of concepts and skills through meaningful tasks and assessments.
- We believe in providing choices for demonstrating student learning to motivate performance.

### Application:

- We believe that application of learning takes place when a student internalizes a concept of skill and uses it independently in a different context.
- We believe that the ability to apply learning to the solution of real-world problems Prepares students for personal and professional success.