

Message from the Founder



Welcome to Growth Public Schools (GPS)! I am so glad you found us.

You're here because you want a great education for your student—an education that not only prepares them for the future but that allows them to experience their greatest selves.

I'm here because I agree with you. And because I believe that in order to achieve this goal for our students, we have to build a different kind of school.

Through my conversations with parents, grandparents, and community leaders over the last few years a common concern rose to the surface—a deep worry that students are not being prepared to reach their full potential. Our schools are not keeping pace with a changing, dynamic world - a world with complex problems, ubiquitous technology, shifting demographics, with hyper connected yet disconnected communities, and everything happening so quickly. Put simply, our current factory model school system was built for a world that no longer exists.

Growth Public Schools has set out an ambitious vision that starts with the belief that every child is a unique and curious individual who has an amazing gift to offer our world. The school itself—from the training teachers receive to the school schedule to the technology students interact with has been specifically chosen to ensure students are problem solvers, innovators, and change makers of their own learning every day. GPS will be a school where students learn by knowing, doing and being. GPS will be more than a school—it will be a family of closely connected lifelong learners.

We are so excited you are here and hope you will learn more about becoming part of the GPS community. I know that 20 years from now when our children are adults, we can look back and say that we created a blueprint for what is possible in public education with one small school in Sacramento.

I look forward to keeping in touch and working with you to create a community that will prepare our young people for the future.

David Richards

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