

# Spencer Community Schools

## Guiding Principles for Student Learning

Ultimate Goal:

Preparing Students for Success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### Step 1: Goals of Learning

Construct deep knowledge and develop complex understanding of essential disciplinary concepts and skills through disciplined inquiry

Make meaningful and relevant connections to students' lives and the world beyond the classroom

### Step 2: Evidence of Learning

Use assessments FOR learning to adjust ongoing teaching and learning through:

- Clear learning targets
- Examples of strong and weak work
  - Regular, descriptive feedback
    - Ability to self-assess, track learning, and set goals

Teaching for learner differences

Student metacognition

### Step 3: Plan for Learning

Students engaged as active participants through inquiry and problem solving; teacher as coach of student thinking and learning

Collaboration and elaborated communication