

# Tappan Zee High School

## 2011 – 2012 Goals

In a respectful learning environment that supports the diverse needs of learners, Tappan Zee High School will expand students' literacy and foster their development of 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. To do so, we will continue our development as a community of professional learners, enhance communication to maximize student learning, and support interdisciplinary and problem-based learning.



1. Build the critical and creative thinking skills of our students as we:
  - a. Support interdisciplinary and problem-based work by
    - i. Maximizing opportunities for cross-curricular connections; and
    - ii. Providing and supporting opportunities to share interdisciplinary issues, questions, or concerns, and allocating appropriate funding, time, and other resources, i.e., common core, RTI, study skills, TZHS writing rubric, etc.
  - b. Support instructional needs within the learning community by
    - i. Infusing appropriate instructional tools throughout the curriculum; and
    - ii. Exploring community resources.
2. Continue our development as a community of professional learners by:
  - a. Utilizing common planning time to increase student learning and fostering more rigorous exploration of course content;
  - b. Identifying and supporting appropriate professional development opportunities; and
  - c. Providing opportunities for teachers to visit other classrooms.
3. Enhance communication by:
  - a. Implementing a system through which to share department goals and areas of focus with the school and the district; and
  - b. Sharing time-sensitive student concerns with pertinent school personnel; “See something; say something.”

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**South Orangetown Central School District  
Areas of Focus  
2011-2014**

*In preparation for successful contributions in society and in the workplace, Tappan Zee High School students will develop and utilize 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills in their academic pursuits.*

*Tappan Zee High School will address the diverse needs of learners.*

*Tappan Zee High School will foster a respectful learning environment.*

*Tappan Zee High School will provide strong instruction in reading, writing, and digital literacy, as well as frequent opportunities to enhance communication skills.*