

DISTRICT GOALS

Denton Independent School District

2007-2008

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Mission Statement

. . . in pursuit of excellence . . .

The mission of the Denton Public Schools, in partnership with home and community, is to provide the best educational opportunities in a challenging yet supportive environment where individuals and cultural diversity are respected, so that our students become knowledgeable and responsible citizens, capable of life-long learning and of demonstrating the skills necessary to contribute productively in a complex and ever-changing world.

I. Vision ... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- develop a culture where learning is our first priority
- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus throughout the district
- establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors
- develop a budget focused on student and professional learning

II. Teaching & Learning... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessment that supports all students
- expect full curriculum implementation on each campus by instructional leaders
- develop quality staff development programs and promote professional learning communities
- strive to deliver all academic programs through teachers possessing advanced degrees and demonstrable competence in their areas of professional responsibility
- stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning and leadership
- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates

III. Climate... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- celebrate and respect the diversity in our Denton ISD Community.

- promote and nourish a safe learning and working environment which is supportive, cooperative, and ensures open communication.
- establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents, and community
- create in students a love of life-long learning
- motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities as active citizens of their community, nation, and world

IV. Parent and Community Involvement...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships ~~participation~~ to achieve success for all our students
- work continuously with the community in planning and facility development and utilizing citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks
- provide support services and promote health, wellness and safety for students and families
- establish and promote programs to develop and enhance parenting skills and participation in the schools

V. Human Resources...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- develop and expect a consistently high level of, and respect for, professional performance by all staff
- recruit, select, and employ every teacher in every classroom because of their substantive experience in the discipline they teach, rather than in auxiliary functions
- maintain a diverse workforce with respect to qualifications, expertise, and commitment to excellence
- encourage all teachers and staff to pursue advanced professional development and degrees within their specialty area
- promote health and wellness in the workforce

VI. Growth & Change...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
- create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools, and our community
- be environmentally responsible and aggressively pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles in building design, transportation alternatives, and operating procedures
- work continuously with our community to adjust and enhance district goals as appropriate