

District Goals



Denton Independent School District

Excellence with kindness

. . . 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:

- cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
- develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- establish goals for individual campuses that incorporate both measurable and intangible factors
- develop a budget focused on student and professional learning
- effectively communicate achievements and recognitions to the Denton ISD community
- prepare our students to be successful in a global society while instilling an appreciation for community service

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

- cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments that supports all students
- establish high expectations with a curriculum that fosters inquiry and critical thinking
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.
- expect full curriculum implementation on each campus by instructional leaders
- establish quality staff development programs that 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, technology and leadership
- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates
- actively pursue, foster and support an advanced digital learning environment

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

- celebrate, respect, and promote the value of diversity in our Denton ISD Community.
- encourage and nourish a safe learning and compassionate working environment which ensures open and transparent communication and is supportive, cooperative, and ethical.
- establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents, and community
- instill in students a love of life-long learning
- motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities and obligations 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 to achieve success for all our students
- work continuously with the community in planning and facility development
- utilize 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
- promote child advocacy across the state and nation

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, employ and retain teachers in every classroom because of 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 our workforce

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

- review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate 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
- demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
- provide leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.