Guiding Principles articulate a school’s vision, values, hopes and ideals to the design team. Guiding Principles will be used to “test” the decisions that are made throughout the design process, since every element of the building must be created to support the school’s vision and values.

Bellaire High School’s Guiding Principles

Bellaire High School promotes a tradition of high quality:

A Culture of Academic Achievement—
Bellaire High School encourages all students to be inquiring and knowledgeable individuals who can achieve their highest potential within an atmosphere of shared responsibility, academic challenge, intercultural understanding and mutual respect. We are a highly structured, focused, and accountable school whose culture drives student achievement.

An Environment of Academic Excellence –
At Bellaire High School every student will be inspired to develop academically, athletically, ethically, physically, and socially with the tools and knowledge needed for college and career readiness. The environment shall be aesthetically pleasing and inspirational and will maintain or improve upon the quality of the existing building. Preservation or the creation of new green spaces is an important factor in developing a quality environment of success.

A belief in Collaboration –
Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff will generate teaching and learning that supports critical thinking, high achievement, collaboration, ethical behavior, and respect for intercultural diversity. All spaces should encourage collaboration between teachers and students, students to students, teacher to teacher, and teacher to parent to facilitate a quality culture of high achievement.

Community Involvement for Success – Bellaire High School is more than just a building for students. It’s a high quality neighborhood institution whose physical structure offers educational opportunities and facilitates community engagement. Our diverse cultures, traditions and customs are celebrated in a professional environment that values collaboration, creativity, competition and distributive team-driven leadership.

Safety Allows for Success – Bellaire will have an open visible environment where students, teachers, staff and visitors will be safe and secure.