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.

Guiding Principles: Jefferson Davis High School Guiding Principles

We believe that our new building should:

- **Be Flexible** – The building should be responsive to the ever changing needs of our society, technology, and educational needs while also supporting the small learning community we are known for.

- **Allow for Collaboration/Partnerships** – The building should allow for collaborations with area businesses, organizations, and groups and clubs within the school and from HISD.

- **Be a Community School** – The building should be a place that allows for a variety of groups to use and have access. It should be a true community school that is comprehensive to improve student motivation and achievement.

- **Be Responsive to a Relevant and Rigorous Curriculum That Will Be Provided Daily** – We value a curriculum that motivates and encourages all learners and works together to provide the best education to those we serve.

- **Be Reflective of Our Rich History, Culture and Traditions** – We are a close knit community who value what we have accomplished and this must be included and preserved.