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.

Sterling High School’s Guiding Principles

Sterling High School promotes:

**An Environment of Success** –
Every student is empowered with the skills and knowledge needed for college and career readiness. Physical space for both instruction and practice mimics real-life, professional settings.

**Collaboration** –
All spaces encourage community (teachers/students, students/students, teacher/teachers, etc.) to work collaboratively to facilitate a culture of high expectations.

**Community Involvement** – Sterling High School is more than just a building for students. Its physical structure and open concepts offer opportunity and availability to the greater South Houston community.

**Safety** – Sterling will have an open visible environment with a logical flow.

**A Culture of Success and Achievement**– We are a highly structured, focused, and accountable school whose culture drives student achievement. Our focus is on the complete development of young adults by esteeming the values of Scholarship, Ownership, Ambition, Respect, and Leadership.