



# Guiding Principles: Jack Yates High School

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*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.*

### Jack Yates High School's Guiding Principles:

**WE ARE RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.** Our school is the heart of the community. We will actively seek community involvement and respond to community needs.

**WE RESPECT PARENTS AND THEIR VALUES.** We value parent involvement, and will make every reasonable effort to address and respond to parental concerns. We have a responsibility to assist parents in the education of their children.

**WE CARE ABOUT STUDENTS.** Each student should be given an opportunity to be educated in a safe and caring environment. Their physical and emotional needs are paramount.

**OUR LEARNING EXTENDS FAR BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.** The educational programs we offer our students adhere to 21st Century Learning Standards and extend with opportunities such as field trips; recreational activities; academic competitions; and club activities.

**WE WILL UPHOLD TRADITIONAL VALUES, INTEGRITY, HONOR AND EXCELLENCE.** These traditional values have served our society well in the past, are cherished by our community, and are important to our future. Through community involvement, these traditions and values will be infused in the student environment.

**WE VALUE OUR EMPLOYEES.** We specifically and carefully select our staff on the basis of their ability to carry out the mission and guiding principles. We will hire the best people suited for our school. We will respect their expertise and depend on them to work closely with the parents to ensure each student is successful.

**WE ARE CONTINUALLY GROWING & IMPROVING.** Our curriculum, technology and educational methods should constantly evolve to meet the needs of the learners.

**WE WILL BUILD THE SCHOOL SO THAT OUR DESCENDANTS WILL THANK US.** We will build a timeless facility for the future.