



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: Askew Elementary School

### **Educational Environment:**

1. Askew Elementary is an indoor/outdoor learning environment that puts students on the path to college and career readiness.
2. Its educational spaces will be flexible, utilizing both collaborative and traditional learning centers, encouraging scholarly minds and positive character.
3. Askew Elementary will be the model 21st century elementary campus with integrated technology and digital learning environments for students.

### **Community:**

1. Askew Elementary has been a beacon in the community for over 40 years, it is an integral part of the community and reflects the diversity of Houston's Energy Corridor.
2. Askew Elementary is the first choice for elementary Vanguard students throughout Houston ISD.
3. Askew Elementary is more than just a building for students. Its physical structure and flexible spaces offer opportunity and availability to the greater West Houston community.

### **Academics:**

1. The learning areas at Askew Elementary take into account the differentiated needs and multiple learning modalities of all students.
2. Askew Elementary offers the academic rigor and opportunities that attract and challenge every student within the bilingual, special needs, traditional, and Vanguard programs.

### **Flexibility:**

1. Askew Elementary prepares the whole child for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by using spaces that accommodate the best educational practices and iterative technology.
2. Askew Elementary has the necessary spaces inside and out to serve our community and educate our students in a variety of methods, while providing space to move, play and create.

### **Safety:**

1. Askew Elementary is a safe and welcoming environment for our students, staff and community.
2. While maintaining a creative learning environment Askew Elementary will be open and visible with a logical and efficient flow where students, staff, and visitors will be safe and secure