



# HISD DISTRICTWIDE EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

## WHARTON DUAL LANGUAGE SCHOOL

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*Wharton Dual Language Academy's mission is to empower our students to become respectful, life-long, bilingual and bi-literate inquirers who celebrate diversity as responsible citizens of the world.*

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- ❖ Bilingualism, bi-literacy, and biculturalism is at the core of our school. Our mission is to have all our students master both Spanish and English by the time they exit our school.
- ❖ Our students experience strong academics through inquiry-based teaching and learning that are linked with real world experiences and lead to student-initiated action.
- ❖ We believe that 21<sup>st</sup> century, global classrooms should allow for critical thinking, collaboration, communication, & creativity.
- ❖ Our school must be a safe place for our students and staff, both physically and emotionally.
- ❖ Our learning environment needs a media center that includes a traditional library area and the flexibility to accommodate emerging technologies to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.
- ❖ Students and teachers need flexible learning areas including spaces for working individually, collaboratively with spaces for presentations and outdoor learning spaces..
- ❖ Early childhood areas should reflect the needs of young children.