



HISD DISTRICTWIDE EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

MADISON 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

Madison High School's Guiding Principles

Culture & Safety

Our school will be a major academic hub that provides a safe, clean and inspiring environment for students and their families that is open to the community. This hub will provide afterschool programs, services, and activities which will include nurturing experiences and enriching opportunities. These experiences and opportunities will foster creative leaders who will invent their own futures through:

1. The safety, welfare, and education as our priority, through the development of a safe, anti-bullying supportive environment that nurtures teaching and learning by having a clear set of rules and expectations that fosters a system of self-governance.
2. Distinctive trailblazing educational experiences
3. Inspiration and education of all students to achieve personal and academic excellence which includes preparation for college and careers in a rapidly changing world and an enduring love for learning.
4. Teaching and learning that supports critical thinking, high achievement, collaboration, ethical behavior, and respect for intercultural diversity as well as collaboration between teachers and students, students to students, teacher to teacher, and teacher to parent to facilitate a quality culture of high achievement.
5. Collaborative venues that will inspire vision and encouragement to become contributing participants in their local and global communities
6. Fostering an environmentally conscious campus

Academics

The academics of James Madison High School will reflect an academic culture that will encourage global awareness to adequately prepare students for college readiness and 21st Century career opportunities. The academic environment will encompass:

1. Quality and rigorous instruction for all students