



# HISD DISTRICTWIDE EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

## YOUNG WOMENS COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY (DRAFT)

### 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*

#### Young Women's College Preparatory Academy Guiding Principles

**Flexible:** The building must be flexible and adaptable to various types of learning. It should include small and large learning environments, state of the art technology, places for collaboration and gathering and there should be a distinct separation between middle school and high school. Furthermore, there should be flexibility in how we use our current spaces in order to ensure that we create a science and math wing.

**Sisterhood:** YWCPA is an exceptional learning community that encourages the development and nurturing of positive leadership skills and strong partnerships both within our school and surrounding communities.

**Historical:** The building that houses YWPCA has had a historic presence in the Third Ward community for many years. The building is classic and timeless as it was built in 1927. All work should seek to honor the tradition of the original building facade, entry way and auditorium. The work should reflect the long history of the building as well as the many and diverse communities that have called this building home including the present day concept of the single gender school at YWCPA.

**Diverse:** YWCPA is a diverse school as it is both and middle and high school, draws students from all over Houston and has an unwavering focus on STEM and Technology. The built environment should reflect and exemplify the positioning statement throughout the campus.

**Functional:** The built environment should provide learning spaces that ignite productivity, support teamwork and are purposeful in location and placement. These spaces should push the design envelope and revolutionize the way learning happens at YWCPA.