1.) Our "mission" is why we exist. What words, thoughts and ideas do you have about why Academy ISD exists?

To prepare kids for what's next We exist because we're building the future one student at a time.

- educate & equip our students for life not only intellectually, but also with a foundation of skills and experiences that are rooted in their interests and talents as individuals

- foster independent thinkers with a desire for contributing meaningfully to society (family, school, town, state, country, world . . .)

- students have intrinsic and unique value as individuals that should be cultivated and encouraged, but also taught/shown how that contributes to the success of the group and we can all take immense pride in our accomplishments as a whole * CHALLENGE MINDS, INSPIRE COMMUNITY

love of learning , inspire, empower, challenge, prepare

Our main reason for existence is for the educational preparedness of students. Everything else is important, but ancillary.

To provide a high quality, comprehensive, individualized educational experience that cultivates a desire for life long learning and personal growth.

provide an excellent education for every student, developing or instilling scholarship, leadership, citizenship.

Platform to provide a better future. Instill hope in all students. Provide a caring and supportive environment for students.

I feel that Academy ISD exists to help the students entrusted to us by their parents become successful, well-rounded citizens. It should be our goal to lead them to be critical thinkers, life-long learners, and respectful of others.

We exist to foster a caring environment that emphasizes the social, emotional and intellectual development of each child.

serve students of all academic abilities, promote student achievement and well-being, provide opportunity to reach their full academic and social potential, promote well-rounded students, ensure a safe learning environment (both physically and emotionally)

Community, college ready students, caring

Keep it simple:

Our mission is to give the best possible education to the students in our district and to provide each student with the knowledge, problem solving skills, and social skills for whatever career or profession they choose.

Adding something about leaders. We want to cultivate leaderships skills in our students

We exist to equip our students with tools to prepare them to succeed in the career they choose.

To ensure that every student learns something every day that will mold them into a person of society that has skills to be successful in whichever path they choose.

Our Mission

The Academy School System recognizes the value of every child, we will continually strive to inspire students to learn and grow beyond their potential by:

- * Fostering a collegiate team atmosphere between home, community, and
- school for the benefit of each student
- * insuring a quality education and positive learning experience
- * Providing instruction that meets the individual needs of each student
- * Developing the learning and social skills necessary for life long learning
- * Facilitating an open-door policy allowing all people concerned with the
- well-being of each student

2.) Our "vision" is where we want to be. It requires us to look ahead and stretch who we are. Review the current vision statement in your packet (also posted on the Academy ISD website under "About Us" - see first link for meeting handouts). Note: This is titled "philosophy."

We want to be a district that parents choose to raise their children in. We want to be a forward-thinking district giving our students the tools they need to succeed in a dynamic world where change is the norm.

Needs to be considerably reduced in size. More clear, more concise.

This is too long, needs to be to the point and precise.

empower students to be able to adapt to new learning and career opportunities throughout their lives, collaborate with, and contribute to, the global community and to be disciplined and creative in their thinking.

be the school district of choice in the Bell Country area for educators, families, and individual students;

Students feel safe and loved which enables learning

Our vision is to be the school of choice in our region by providing more than the fundamentals of public education - by providing both the fundamentals of scholarship and citizenship.

Below I have recommended some input for the Vision statement.

Remove philosophy-it seems like it's a word that is used to check a box, not one that would be a call to action

3.) What words in the current "vision" or "philosophy" do you suggest we keep?

unified educational system

wishes, unified education system, critical thinking skills; All of the wording is far too passive and or vague. It should be more active, concise and, for lack of a better description, decisive/confident. EX: Not "we wish", we WILL

wishes, maximum capacity. Overall, I think the vision is too wordy. I would like to see something short and concise that encompasses our vision for the district.

In accordance with TEA policies can be removed as that is expected.

All of it...start over.

needs complete overhaul

It is quite wordy. The message is great, but we need to find a better way to state it.

1. Should "Academy School System" be changed to "Academy Independent School District"

2. Remove "that"

2. Remove "unified"

3. Remove "clear"

In the philosophy... Beginning of 1st sentence: "wishes" The end of 2nd sentence: "more responsible members of society"

"wishes" - sounds wishy-washy

"This will be done in accordance with the policies of the Texas Education Agency and with the support and involvement of the community." - this is implied given that AISD is a public school system.

"unified educational system" - again, this is implied; we are all one school district

"at every level" - again, implied; the school district encompasses all grades

"responsive" - not a meaningful word in this context; responsive to what??

"in whatever career, profession, or job they choose" - it is implied that everyone will do something in life whether it is a career or otherwise

Wishes, United, critical thinking

See first question above.

n/a

Wishes, unified, clear (as in clear thinking)

Wishes to have a unified educational system.

4.) What words do you suggest we add to our "vision?"

forward-thinking

talents, individuals, community, foundation/founded

? Maybe "school of choice"

globally competitive, superior education for students following any path; college, technical or work,

Strives, continually evaluating and improving the opportunities we provide, being open to new ideas

collaborate, global, empower- it needs to be redone

none

1. Replace "whatever" with "whichever"

In the philosophy:

Beginning of 1st sentence Replace "wishes" with "strives" The end of 2nd sentence Replace "more responsible members of society" with "respectful, contributing members of society"

AISD will be the public school district of choice in the Bell County area for educators and students where each person is valued and provided the opportunity for learning and well-rounded personal development in order to achieve their highest potential and contribute back to society.

Strives, strong, challenged, responsible citizen

I like the traits of scholarship and citizenship defined in the Academy ISD Graduate Profile. It is probably too much to list these in the vision, but if every student leaves with these items is his educational toolbox we will have been highly successful and we will differentiate ourselves from other districts.

"Teaching students to lead the way", expresses the shared belief that a combination of learning and leadership opportunities will prepare students for their future. Our staff of highly qualified teachers perform as a concerted team to support the learning goals of each student. A tradition of high expectations and graduates prepared for high school and beyond speak to the professional training and qualifications of teachers as well as the strength in classified support staff. All staff members are involved in reviewing data and planning for success of each student.

Stronger verbs

More time is needed for the belief statements. How do you suggest we proceed?

16 responses

