



Abilene ISD Strategic Plan

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Belief Statements

- Deep learning involves critical thinking, collaboration and problem solving.
- Relevant and meaningful student experiences are the core of the modern classroom.
- Initiative, innovation, a strong work-ethic and an entrepreneurial spirit are life skills each student needs.
- The cultivation of each student's strengths and passions leads to success.
- Respect, care and having high expectations for each student is the foundation for learning.

Strategic Priorities

- Make classrooms more meaningful and relevant for students and teachers.
- Develop a culture, climate and environment that values collaboration.
- Build partnerships with local business and organizations.
- Tell the AISD stories of inspiration, success and opportunity to the community, parents and staff.

Vision

- Inspired, skilled, engaged and empowered students make a difference in the world

Mission

- AISD engages and empowers each student to be contributing, responsible citizens who reach their full potential through relevant, innovative and rigorous learning experiences.

What this Means

- Empowering teachers to design relevant experiences for students
- Empowering students to identify and pursue their passions
- Valuing the development of life skills as equal to the teaching of content
- Valuing learning over teaching
- Having the courage to innovate and create new structures and systems of learning
- Having the courage to let-go of "The Way We've Always Done It"
- Having the courage to start