

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.

## Guiding Principles for Westbury High School

**Academic Excellence** – Westbury High School will empower all students to cultivate personal and group identities by offering vibrant performing and visual art programs, competitive UIL academic and athletic teams, and professional certification and internship opportunities.

**Safety** – Improvement of safety and academic excellence will be drawing points for students who select Westbury as their school of choice.

**Global Awareness** – Westbury's Career and Technical Education programs will increase students' global awareness by providing real-life experiences, technical expertise, and opportunities for professional certifications.

**Equity** – Westbury supports excellence in academics, sports and extra-curricular activities for all students, whether male or female, native born, or from another country.

**Interactive Technology** – Westbury students will utilize wide-spread, digital technology to improve learning quality and prepare for college and careers.

**Community** – Westbury High School will build, nurture, and maintain collaborative relationships with area elementary and middle schools, Westbury community organizations, and businesses throughout greater Houston.