

B. VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Development of Vision and Mission Statements

Consideration for MMS began in early 2009 when Animas High School, importing the High Tech High model, began organizing in earnest. Upon the determination of community interest, the MMS Steering Committee first collaborated on Core Beliefs in Middle School Education and then distilled them to five. Each student deserves:

- ◆ An individualized curriculum that is designed on the needs, strengths, abilities, and learning style of each student to maximize student achievement;
- ◆ An environment reinforcing the belief that every individual has a unique potential that can be developed, while understanding that not every student can be successful all of the time;
- ◆ An open and receptive atmosphere that respects and encourages the individual ideas and intellectual pursuits of every student and faculty member;
- ◆ An environment where faculty, staff, and administrators lead by example for student attainment of honesty, respect for others, truth, and therefore selflessness; fostering meaningful student-faculty interaction; and
- ◆ Instructors that receive continuing education on the cognitive, academic and emotional benefits of project-based learning and teaching methodologies relevant for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Research provides that a Vision Statement should reflect a “Big Picture” view and often communicates what conditions are ideal for a school community. This is generally articulated by an inspirational description, using a compelling image intended to serve as a clear guide for choosing current and future courses of action. This desirable state will be made possible by accomplishing the Mission in a way that is consistent with the core beliefs of key stakeholders. Based on this guide, MMS’s core Beliefs, and community input, the MMS Interim Board of Directors developed the MMS Vision and Missions Statements

Mountain Middle School Vision Statement

Mountain Middle School will work with each student to achieve their highest academic and social potential in an educational framework of problem-solving, cross-subject application, and teamwork.

Mountain Middle Mission Statement

Within a supportive and safe culture, Mountain Middle School integrates technology and project-based learning into a rigorous liberal arts curriculum that prepares students to succeed in the 21st Century as self-motivated, innovative thinkers who seek to resolve challenges collaboratively.