

**Board of Education
Core Beliefs & Commitments
October 21, 2015**

These beliefs and commitments reflect what the Board heard in its engagement process with parents in the community during the 2014-15 school year. These statements reflect the beliefs, values and wishes expressed in conversation when asked, “What was the most important thing their child could learn as a result of an Adams 12 education?” We as a Board will use these beliefs and commitments to guide our work in the District.

- We endeavor to create a safe, caring and engaging learning environment for all students.
- We view our students as unique individuals and strive to meet the individual learning, social and emotional needs of each in our diverse student body.
- We view technology as a critical tool for student learning. We commit to technology access and skill building in its use and application for all students.
- Academic growth for all students is a central goal of our education programs.
- We believe that literacy is a foundational skill for exploration and knowledge in all content areas.
- We believe in teaching the whole child. In addition to foundational skills in literacy, math, science, and social studies we believe problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, self-control, respect, integrity and innovation are skills and traits that are essential and part of the educational experience in Adams 12.
- We believe that students who are honest, tenacious, adaptable, ethical, intellectually curious, logical, loving, responsible, dependable, competent, courageous, independent and who persevere will be better prepared to thrive in their future endeavors.
- Adams 12 will provide opportunities to engage in multiple and different paths of education to prepare them for a college, military service, specific trades, or a career in the general workforce.
- We will foster a learning environment that encourages creativity, innovation, and intellectual risk-taking for both teachers and students.
- We strive to graduate students who examine and reflect upon issues in their local communities and the world at large, and who will become engaged citizens in their communities, our state and our nation.

Our Methods

- We will engage parents and community in the education of students.
- We will create and operate an environment of honesty and transparency in all matters of the district.
- We will align our work with research and best practices to accomplish the best education for students.
- We will use our resources wisely with the goal of creating a healthy learning environment and the greatest learning opportunities for our students.
- We will strive for excellence in everything we do to provide each student with the best education possible.