

Beliefs and Mission Development

Component 2



Beliefs and Mission

Narrative Description of the Process of Defining the School's Beliefs and Mission

To begin the task of defining the beliefs and mission, Scenic Hills Elementary School engaged in a process involving a survey in which teachers, the administrator, and other stakeholders were asked to complete a School Beliefs Inventory. The stakeholders included members of the staff, student body, parents, and business community. Those involved scored beliefs on a scale of 1 to 5 (strongly disagree to agree) and recorded their opinions, which represented their beliefs about schooling.

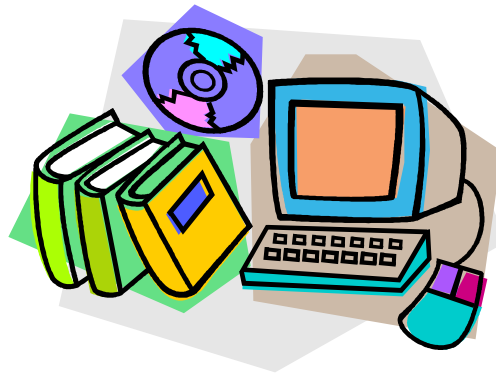
Bobcat Pride Cadre examined the results of the School Beliefs Inventories submitted by stakeholders. A consensus was reached on beliefs that most reflected our school's vision. This process determined that our vision was reflected in the content of our beliefs and missions statements.

To successfully complete this process, the cadre compiled the inventory findings. Then drafts of the beliefs and mission were developed and distributed to stakeholder representatives for review and feedback. From the suggestions received, final modifications were made, and our beliefs and mission statements were submitted for the school-as-a-whole to approve the statements on the following pages.



Our Vision Statement

Scenic Hills Elementary School's Administration, Faculty, Parents, and Community will provide a safe, friendly, and courteous environment, where all students engage in meaningful experiences, challenging activities, and powerful instruction, that will prepare them for continuous learning and responsible participation in the multicultural and technological society of the 21st century.



Our Beliefs

- **Student learning is the chief priority of Scenic Hills School.**
- **All students can learn and their learning needs are the primary focus of all decisions that impact the work of the school.**
- **Students learn in different ways and should be actively engaged in the learning process with a variety of instructional approaches to support learning styles.**
- **Assessment strategies provide students with a variety of opportunities through which they demonstrate their achievement.**
- **A safe and physically comfortable environment promotes student learning.**
- **Teachers, administrators, parents, and community all share in the responsibility of advancing the school's mission through a shared decision making process.**



Mission Statement

The mission of Scenic Hills Elementary School is to prepare all students to be successful citizens and workers in the 21st century by teaching them to read, write, compute, think, and reason sufficiently.

