

Superintendent Communication
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When was the last time you read the Hereford ISD Vision Statement?

The Vision for Hereford ISD is to see that ALL students will:

- C** Communicate effectively
- H** Have positive relationships
- I** Incorporate critical thinking skills
- L** Learn to respect differences
- D** Develop into responsible, productive citizens

ALL means ALL

For those of us that work and live for this vision, the guiding force is our commitment to “**All means All.**”

If we want our vision to be clear, at the outset it is up to each educator to examine the expectations we have for each student. Do our perceptions of how successful a student will be depend on who the student is, as determined by race, gender, class, language, or special needs? Are we more likely to expect lower academic achievement for a student in one group or another. Do we regularly design as much challenge to students who are identified gifted as to those who struggle in class? Each of us should answer these questions as we strive for Excellence, Equity and Commitment to our schools and students. Although poverty and differences in home-based experiences are causal factors in student achievement, we need to concentrate on the factors that we impact: Leadership, teaching, and adult actions matter. My challenge to our staff is to seek – and find – each students’ untapped potential. Every child comes with strengths just as they come with experiences of inequity. Let’s make sure that every child knows and cultivates that strength.

In support of our vision I call on all of us to identify a strength in each student, whether in the class, the gym, the campus or in the community. Let’s make sure that we build of every student’s potential instead of letting the inequities become barriers. It is our belief in Herford ISD...it is our truth that for all students to succeed at the highest-level possible, they must know that their teachers, principals, parents and the community as a whole believe they can do well and demonstrate excellence. With support, collaboration, and effort, students and the Hereford school system can reach our goals.

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