

**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

**MISSION, VISION AND BELIEF STATEMENTS**

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MISSION STATEMENT      The Texas School for the Deaf ensures students learn, grow and belong in a language-rich environment while supporting students, families and professionals through statewide outreach services.

VISION                      The Texas School for the Deaf aspires to be a premier leader in bilingual education (ASL/English) that challenges each student to reach their full potential.

CORE BELIEFS            The Board has established the following core beliefs:

1. Education is a partnership among students, family, school, and community.
2. Early language acquisition is critical to a deaf child's social, emotional, and cognitive development.
3. The development of the whole person socially, physically, intellectually, culturally and emotionally is imperative to a positive identity, self-worth and lifelong success.
4. American Sign Language and English are woven into the fabric of TSD life building healthy Deaf identities and positive self-worth.
5. An interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates technology in academically engaging learning environments prepares students to become critical thinkers, collaborators, and decision-makers.
6. Outreach Services provide resources and support the state's deaf and hard of hearing students, their families, and the professionals that serve them.
7. Showing students, families, and staff dignity and respect in an inclusive community who values diverse abilities, needs, and interests is crucial to creating a healthy, safe, and welcoming environment.

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