

Parents,

Approximately five years ago, Douglas High School wrote and refined its mission statement and beliefs about what we hope to accomplish here at school and the way we wanted to conduct business. We are now going to re-visit this document and make sure that it is still a true representation of what we believe today. The original mission statement and belief statements focus on **communication, high expectations, community involvement, authentic assessment** and **diversity**. Are there any other terms or phrases that you feel would better reflect our beliefs or focus here at Douglas High? If so, please list them on the lines provided.

Next, you will see the current mission statement and beliefs for our school. Please carefully read each one and use the space provided for comments or suggestions. If you don't think anything needs to be changed, just leave it blank. We appreciate and welcome all ideas, but please keep in mind the importance of this document.

Mission Statement:

Douglas High School students will have opportunities to achieve their potential and to graduate as competent, life-long learners who will continue to grow as productive citizens.

Beliefs:

- We believe that continuous growth and communication are vital for our school and for our students. _____

- We believe that instructional strategies will reflect clear goals and high expectations.

- We believe that students, parents, school staff, and community members will share responsibility for supporting a safe and rigorous educational environment.

- We believe that respect and personal responsibility are essential for a positive and productive learning environment.

- We believe that student assessment within a variety of contexts is critical to determining student achievement.

- We believe that students should leave our school with an awareness of their role in and responsibility to their community and the world.
