

Mission and Vision and the Vision of 8

The Mission and Vision of Aspen Academy are living documents that guide the direction of the education we offer here. Staff and parents came together to generate a description of a graduating eighth grader—The Vision of 8. It is rooted in three main areas of student learning highlighted by the Mission and Vision: Intellectual, Creative and Social. We will work together to provide opportunities for growth and achievement in these areas through the use of our THINK values. We look forward to recognizing the intellectual, creative and social successes of our students.

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The Vision of 8:
Enriching students
in Middle School



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The Vision of 8: What will our Eighth Graders value and be able to do?

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Intellectual

- Demonstrate knowledge of the self as a learner through application of critical thinking
- Think logically and critically about the world around them
- Value the role of literacy in a global society
- Seek knowledge continually
- Be prepared to excel at higher levels of education and beyond
- Demonstrate effective communication of thoughts, ideas and learning

Creative

- Demonstrate understanding of creative strengths and interests
- Demonstrate solid knowledge base of the arts, physical education, linguistics and other academic areas
- Express themselves creatively choosing an effective modality in an articulate manner
- Solve problems creatively in a variety of contexts

Social

- Demonstrate understanding of social / emotional self in relation to peers and the world around them
- Demonstrate citizenship in local communities in a manner reflective of their strengths
- Interact with and support others with an attitude of civility and respect
- Value the diversity of communities in our world
- Engage in an increasingly global society as thoughtful and informed citizens



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