

## What do staff believe the mission for students at East should be?

In February 2016, secretaries, custodians, teaching assistants, paraprofessionals and cafeteria workers were asked what they believe the mission for East's students should be. They defined believed the long-term goals for students at East should focus on developing people who are:

- High school graduates
- **Knowledgeable – life-long learner**, active listeners, **creative thinkers**, **literate, have basic skills**
- **Productive, career oriented** – go to college or become employed
- **Good citizens who are socially conscious**
- **Respect themselves, others** and their environment
- Able to work with others and nurture them – see the value of being part of a group
- Self-disciplined, accountable, **self-advocates**
- **Happy, positive**, compassionate, dreamers, believers
- Motivated, have a “can do” attitude, confident
- Hard workers, disciplined, persistent, goal setters
- Risk takers
- **Persistent**; willing to learn from experience, pick up and keep going
- Ethical

Phrases that resonated with the groups:

We want to graduate students who are “prepared to make responsible choices” because they may not all choose the same path to adulthood.

We want to graduate students who are “camino al exito” on the road to success.

