

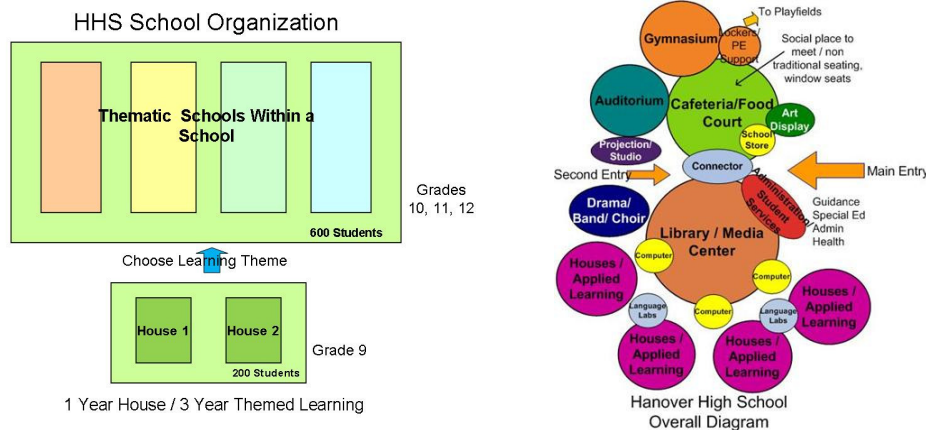
EDUCATIONAL VISIONING

Educational Visioning is a process which results in a comprehensive long-term planning tool for a school or a district. It is the cornerstone of all educational planning. It directs deep, probing work which establishes clear statements about the most appropriate and effective educational practices, school organizational structure, and concepts for the school facilities needed to support them.

Best Practices for the Future

Strong Educational Visioning is solidly based on the best we know from research on learning, and emerging best practices in teaching. While it acknowledges effectiveness of current practices, it embraces the wisdom from national trends and worldwide sources. It creates a school-based and community-based plan for change to improve teaching and learning, communication, and relationships in school and between school and community. Educational Visioning is the “roadmap” for transforming schools.

It is inherently a future oriented tool. While it seeks to establish the best learning environment for the successors of all the stakeholders who create it, it also creates and guides the path to that future. Visioning can also set the framework for pilot projects of innovative ideas, create measures of success, and set agendas for staff professional development.



The Time to Build is the Time for Visioning

There is no better time for Visioning than when building or renovating buildings. School buildings are expected to be effective for 40 to 50 years with no major structural changes. A comprehensive Visioning process can develop concepts of new, rebuilt, or refitted school facilities which foster and anticipate educational change, and are flexible enough to “facilitate” it. Visioning is appropriate for a single school, for several related schools, or for an entire school district.

Process and Vision

An effective Educational Vision is created by a representative group of teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community leaders in a facilitated process that is visible to the whole community. The Visioning process builds consensus. The process and the resulting Vision position teachers, students, and parents to embrace change. And make it easier to pass a bond vote.

