

# VISION STATEMENT

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Before I explain why the strategic plan is critical to the future of the school, I would like to speak first to the school's mission and vision. The strategic plan in many ways is the methodology behind how we bring our vision to life. The Board of Trustees and I have the responsibility of setting Bosque School's mission and vision. In working together with the faculty we also set the core values that are reprinted on pages 7 and 8. In order to give you a sense of what I think makes Bosque unique, allow me to share with you the talking points I use when I speak publicly about who we are as a school community:

1. We have established rigorous academic standards; we expect people's best work.
2. We recognize the importance of reading and writing well.
3. We focus on a core curriculum that all students study rather than a shopping mall of elective offerings – that is for college.
4. We engage students in quality fine and performing arts.
5. We offer competitive interscholastic athletic programs that develop character.
6. We are committed to increasing financial aid so that more of Albuquerque's finest young people can attend Bosque School.
7. We are attracting extraordinary teachers; they need to be properly compensated.
8. We are situated on one of the most important rivers on the continent; we should study it and learn from the research.
9. When leadership, service, and integrity seem in short supply in this world, we ask students to reach for their better selves. Character, integrity, service, and leadership can be taught; we need to explore new ways to do just that. We believe that this school has a moral purpose.

How do we continue to make the vision reality? We set measurable goals, make plans, and implement them. In this monograph you will read our new five-year strategic plan starting on page 6. We have already begun our implementation. I hope that you will take the time to read the plan. But, allow me to summarize the five areas on the following page.