

CHARLES E. SMITH JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Mission, Purpose And Vision Statements

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We deliver an exemplary and inspiring general and Jewish education.

Purpose / Why

To ensure a vibrant Jewish future.

Vision / Outcome

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Our Core Values

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| TORAH L'SHMAH /
Love of Learning | Lifelong learning inspired by a strong, comprehensive academic program of general and Judaic studies that prioritizes critical, independent, and creative thought and expression. |
| AHAVAT TORAH /
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| K'DUSHAH /
Holiness | Perception of God's presence in the awe and wonder of our world and how we can sanctify our lives through the practice and experience of the Mitzvot . |
| AHAVAT YISRAEL /
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| TIKKUN OLAM /
Repairing the World | Passionate desire, active engagement, and individual/collective commitment to repair the world and make it more compassionate, just, and peaceful. |
| PLURALISM | A principled commitment to the diversity of Jewish backgrounds, beliefs, and practices of our community of students, teachers, and parents. We unite through our shared values and cultivate respect and knowledge inspired by our differences. |
| V'AHAVTA
L'RAYAKHA /
Love Your Neighbor | A deep commitment to B'tzelem Elokim (each individual is created in the image of God), and Derekh Eretz (ethical decency). |
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