

Thoughtexchange Results...

Evolving High School Education Programs

We listened to your thoughts in offering options and opportunities to our students.

We evaluated current – and identified potential new – academic and co-curricular programs to meet the needs and desires of our growing high school community and the community-at-large. This information is guiding CVSD’s High School Advisory Committee’s development of Educational Specifications for the third comprehensive high school to be presented to the School Board in November.

This past spring, to assist the committee’s work, CVSD utilized **Thoughtexchange** to hear the community’s combined voices. Parents, staff, students and the community shared their thoughts with us on potential district-wide high school programs, educational philosophies for teachers, and other high school programs or philosophies that the High School Advisory committee should consider. There were 969 people that participated with 1,942 thoughts shared and 66,373 stars assigned to prioritize the thoughts.



To view all of the thoughts from you and your neighbors, go to cvsd.thoughtexchange.com



Top Three Future High School Programs:

- 1. Finance, Business or Entrepreneurial (23.3% ★)**
 - Financial management experience
 - Entrepreneurship and business learning
 - Financial literacy
- 2. Construction, Engineering, Design, Robotics or Manufacturing (21.2% ★)**
 - Potential career opportunities and hands-on learning
 - Vocational programs
 - Provide students with access to present careers
- 3. Dual Credit Opportunities (13.8% ★)**
 - Opportunity to offset college expenses and additional learning experiences
 - Address different learning needs

New Ideas for Future Programs:

- ♦ Several thoughts described interest in STEM programs with career training in emerging fields such as computer science and healthcare.
- ♦ Opportunities in trades-based classes focused on preparing students with life skills, such as shop classes, home repair and communication skills.

Top Three Teaching Educational Philosophies:

- 1. Problem Solving (53.3% ★)**
 - Applying problem solving to independent and innovative thinking, people skills and “real world” problems
- 2. Individual Skill Development and Personal Growth (24.9% ★)**
 - Variety of learning opportunities and appreciation for resilience and collaboration learning
 - Learning self-responsibility, identifying strengths and weaknesses, improving self-confidence and time management
- 3. Civic Responsibility (8% ★)**
 - Create community involvement opportunities like government history curriculum and reading newspapers, as well as community engagement

New Ideas for Teaching Philosophies:

- ♦ **Global Awareness:** Opportunities for students to learn about global issues, diversity training and multicultural topics
- ♦ **Life Skills and Financial Literacy:** Students learn about personal health and nutrition, home economics and people skills
- ♦ **Teachers and Staff:** More training opportunities for staff to keep pace with updated technology. Appreciation for individualized teaching.