

Community Engagement Meeting #1  
3/4/2025  
Vision Session Results

Prompt 1: What are your main priorities for a reimagined Eastern Middle School?

- Will you utilize the land surrounding the school better so neighbors can use it?
- Foster STEM education
- Improve drop off/pickup congestion issues
- Engaging space to support socio-emotional development
- Improved space and integrate support services like ELD, Linkages, Spec Ed
- Support for media center, performing arts
- Safety concern regarding pickup and drop off
- Drop off and pick up – ease the flow of traffic and make it safer. Currently lots of students will scatter about and sometimes it is a matter of luck they are not struck by a vehicle
- Red light camera at University/ E. Franklin
- Green Space and having healthy trees
- Brighter Spaces
- Multi-use/ community spaces
- Landscaping updated – Frankline Ave Hill and Trees addressed
- Safety and roads
- Reimagining Cafeteria Space
- Better Insulation
- It is important that academic rooms are made to be flexible and for thinking (flexible walls) also with flexible technology in classrooms
- Learning Teaching Spaces – As student class sizes increase, more and more students end up in smaller spaces. Having larger class spaces allow freedom in grouping and activities with in the classroom
- Courtyard is underutilize
- A/C- Kids wear jackets the entire day to stay warm
- Environments where students feel comfortable

Prompt 2: What attributes of the Eastern Middle School Community should guide the design?

- “Belong” in Community – Wants the school to fit in with the neighborhood rather than a trendy building
- Diversity
- outdoor space designed appropriately
- Collaborative space/mental health
- What if we could thrust Eastern into the future with design concepts that are also movable
- Green space, lots of green space. Perhaps a green house?
- There should be space where students can perform and not compete with cafeteria or lunch space and separate auditorium
- Students feel anxiety in large spaces so smaller spaces help them a lot
- Want to eat closer to lunch time – less lunch periods
- Rest rooms designed that discourage lingering inside
- Collaboration/ breakout spaces, reading, relaxing spaces that students/ teachers can use that isn't assigned to classes

Prompt 3: What three words best describe the future Eastern Middle School?

- Modern innovative, useful to community

- Security and Supervision
- Welcoming/accommodating, Safety, green/ sharing space with nature and sustainability
- Community, Safe, technology
- Diverse, community-minded, green
- New sustainability structures/accommodating
- Innovative/ flexible learning and creative
- Safe and comfortable learning environment – community shared
- Comfortable. Learning and Growth
- Inviting, Invigorating, and Investigating