

# Mission & Vision

## Alternative Family Education

Our **mission** statement is what we do. It is the reason why AFE even exists in the first place. Right now. Today. As such, our mission statement is filled with lots of active, present-tense verbs. It is a statement of core competency. On the strategic journey of our homeschool, the mission statement represents the starting point, the “Point A”.

Our **vision** statement is aspirational. It states where AFE is going, what we hope to be, what we hope to achieve. On the strategic journey of our homeschool, the vision statement represents “Point B.”

How are the two related? Quite simply, by being really good at our mission, right now, today, and every day thereafter, we’ll achieve our vision.

**Mission:** AFE staff members help each family design and implement their own vision of education as a home/community-based, family-centered experience. AFE teachers work with parents to...

- Tailor teaching strategies to meet students' educational needs.
- Integrate instructional activities that are developmentally appropriate and connect what is being learned with student's interests, past learning, and real-world/real-life experiences.
- Enrich lessons and units by accessing the whole community as a learning environment (field trips, community courses, parent-led classes, concurrent enrollment, college and online courses).
- Encourage students to work in mixed age groups.
- Create a positive and safe environment that is non-threatening, free of humiliation, without letter grades, and where competition between students does not impede learning.
- Support students to work and learn at their own pace.
- Honor and appreciate students.

**Vision:** AFE cultivates...

- The ability to use our minds well.
- The tools to choose our paths.
- The ability to pursue our passions.
- The desire to contribute to the local community and the world.
- The vision and heart to see and feel things from other perspectives.
- The ability to express our own voices.
- The habit of self-reflection.
- A sense of well-being.