

## **School District Organization**

### **School District Philosophy**

The mission of the Rockford Public Schools, as an educational system committed to excellence, is to serve the community by equipping all of its diverse students with the tools necessary to:

- compete in a global marketplace;
- succeed in future educational pursuits; and
- contribute to society.

This is accomplished by creating integrated learning environments that respond to the needs and aspirations of the individual student with family and community.

#### *WE BELIEVE...*

- Every person is unique; each person has equal worth.
- Virtues are important determinants of an individual's and community's well being.
- A supportive network of family, friends, and community provide positive structure, meaning, and value to life.
- People are interdependent and are responsible for their community, environment, and each other.
- High expectations produce positive results.
- Honesty and integrity are vital to trusting relationships.
- Valuing diversity enriches and strengthens the community.
- The schools, the community, families, and students are responsible for achieving educational results.
- Educated citizens are the foundation of democracy.
- Change necessitates lifelong learning and creates the need to continually improve.
- The quality of life is enhanced through an individual's opportunity to pursue intellectual, aesthetic, and physical experiences.
- Hard work and effort are the primary ingredients of individual achievement.

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