

Educational Philosophy/School District Mission

It is the firm belief and policy of this district that the learning process must accomplish the following goals and, in addition, must be so designed and administered as to make the learning experience itself an interesting, relevant, exciting, and enjoyable one. These objectives can be accomplished only in free, safe, open, and humane institutions by dedicated teachers and staff who believe in the worth of youth, are committed to the following goals, and are given the encouragement, means, freedom, and guidance to accomplish the goals.

It is the purpose of education in Garfield County School District No. 16 to develop in each individual:

1. Worthy intellectual processes, including essential communications skills and capability in inquiry, analysis and problem-solving techniques, and development of a reflective and examining nature.
2. A moral and humane character and philosophy, accompanied by the ability to exercise moral and ethical judgment and establish moral and ethical standards.
3. Mental and physical health.
4. A sense of self-realization, which includes a sense of dignity, self-worth and job goals and a sense of artistry and grace.
5. Competence in human and social relations.
6. The ability and desire to exercise responsible citizenship, requiring among other things a sense of history and an understanding and appreciation of our cultural heritage.
7. Economic and occupational competence, which includes the ability to function in the economic system, to select an occupation, to gain job entry or to pursue further occupational training, or to attend an institution of higher education.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (1.5) *(requirement that mission statement reflect safety for students and staff as a priority)*

CROSS REF.: ADA, School District Educational Objectives