

Cambrian School District

Board Policy

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

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PHILOSOPHY

In order to establish and support a guiding vision for the district, the Board of Trustees shall develop, articulate, and regularly review an overarching set of fundamental principles, which describe the district's core beliefs, values, and tenets. The Board and district staff shall incorporate these principles into all programs, activities, and operations of the district.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

It is the philosophy of the district that:

1. All students can learn and succeed.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

2. Every student in the district has a right to be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, as prohibited by law or district policy.
3. A safe, nurturing environment and positive school climate are necessary for learning, academic achievement, and student development.

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

4. Parents/guardians have a right and an obligation to be engaged in their child's education and to be involved in the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of their child.

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

5. The needs of the whole child must be addressed, as the ability of children to learn is affected by social, health, and economic conditions and other factors outside the classroom.

6. Early identification of learning and behavioral difficulties and timely and appropriate support and intervention contribute to student success.
7. Students and staff are encouraged and motivated by high expectations and recognition for their accomplishments.
8. School improvement is a dynamic process requiring flexibility and innovation to meet the needs of students in a changing world.
9. Professional development for the Board and district staff is essential for the growth and success of the district and its students.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development) (cf.
4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 9240 - Board Training)*

10. The diversity within the Cambrian School District enriches the learning experience, promotes cultural awareness and acceptance, and serves as a model for citizenship in a global society.
11. A common set of norms and protocols is crucial to effective governance.
12. Communication, trust, respect, collaboration, and teamwork strengthen the relationship among Board members and between the Board and Superintendent, and contribute to the effectiveness of the governance team.
13. The community and district are inextricably connected partners, wherein the community's engagement in issues that affect the schools enhances the district's programs and student learning.

(cf. 1000 - Concepts and Roles)

14. Two-way communication with all stakeholders is essential for establishing continuity, support, and shared goals both within the district and with the surrounding community.
15. The Board has a responsibility to advocate on behalf all students, keep current on legislative issues affecting education, and build positive relationships with local, state, and federal representatives.
16. A fiscally sound budget, which is reflective of the district's vision and is imperative to the financial stability of the district and to the attainment of its goals.
17. Responsibility for district programs and operations is shared by the entire educational community, with ultimate accountability resting with the Board as the basic embodiment of representative government.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

51002 Local development of programs based on stated philosophy and goals
51019 Definition of philosophy
51100-51101 Parental involvement