

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The Governing Board believes that public education is of fundamental importance to a free society and to the continued development of democratic values, individual liberty and an appreciation for cultural diversity in society. In order for education to succeed, there must be an ongoing partnership between parents/guardians, students, educators, and the community.

To guide the efforts of those participating under the leadership of the Superintendent or designee, the Board adopts the following three definitions for the development of sound and responsible educational policies:

Educational Philosophy: "Philosophy" means a composite statement of the relationship between the individual and society based upon beliefs, concepts, and attitudes from which the goals and objectives of the district are derived.

Educational Goals: "Goal" means a statement of broad direction or intent which is general and timeless and is not concerned with a particular achievement within a specified time period.

Objectives: "Objective" means a specific accomplishment to be reached that can be verified within a given time and under specifiable conditions which, if attained, advances the system toward a corresponding goal.

The goal of our educational system is not to supplant parental responsibilities throughout the learning process, but rather to foster parental participation in order that an educational climate is created which reinforces and fosters the positive and healthy development of the child.

The success of our educational system relies heavily on the development and implementation of a thorough evaluation process in order to adapt to the changing needs of society and the community.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards commencing January 1, 1976

51002 Development of local programs within guidelines

51004 Education goals

51019 Definition: Philosophy

51020 Definition: Goal

51021 Definition: Objective

51041 Educational program

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