

RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 6001: PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

- A. The District affirms that education of children and youth is the mutual responsibility of the parents, the community and the schools. The Governing Board believes that experiencing success is crucial to the learning process; that the qualities of teaching and learning are inextricably interwoven; that program improvement is a continuing process; that providing quality program education is a responsibility of our community; and that our community is an essential resource to the educational program. The Board endorses strong instructional leadership, a safe and orderly learning environment, school time emphasis on basic skills, high teacher expectations for pupil achievement, and continuous assessment of pupil progress.
- B. The District affirms that the philosophical goals of the instructional program are as follows:
1. To develop each pupil's individual capacity to the fullest extent.
 2. To develop the potential of each pupil so that he/she will be informed, prepared and capable of assuming full responsibility for making his/her own decisions.
 3. To develop in each pupil a respect for himself/herself and the capacity to maintain his/her individuality and to respect the same right for every other individual.
 4. To prepare each pupil to enter society physically, mentally, emotionally and morally equipped to lead a life that is productive and satisfying to himself/herself as a free individual and to society.
 5. To develop in each pupil a sense of leadership and responsibility for the preservation, wise use and improvement of his/her cultural, political and natural heritage.
 6. To develop in each pupil a respect for the value of open and honest inquiry.
- C. To fulfill its commitments to the children and youth, the District will develop programs of education for all levels and abilities of pupils which will serve the needs of both the individual and society.

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