

Hood River County School District

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Educational Philosophy

We believe it is our responsibility to provide the opportunity for all students to realize their potential in intellectual, social, psychological and physical development to enable the students to adapt to a changing world and at the same time develop individual and group responsibility in our global society.

The educational system of the district is dedicated to the total personal development of each student in a safe and secure environment. Through coordinated educational programs and activities, the district will provide for individual student abilities and interests.

The district believes that education should be shaped by the following guiding principles:

1. The staff expects students to attain a high degree of proficiency in the use of the basic skills of communicating, computation and problem solving/reasoning;
2. Educational experiences shall be relevant to the needs of the individual student to prepare them for life;
3. All persons involved in the educational process – students, parents and school staff – will treat each other with dignity and courtesy, as they themselves would wish to be treated;
4. Educational experiences will enhance the student's positive self-concept;
5. Learning is a life-long process;
6. Students must participate fully in the attainment of knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for them to function as responsible, self-disciplined citizens.

The Board believes:

1. That education is a major civilizing influence on the development of a humane, responsible and informed citizenry, able to adjust and grow in a rapidly changing world;
2. That students must be encouraged to learn their heritage and their place in the global society;
3. That all students learn;
4. That all students should be proficient in the knowledge and skills of their current grade level;
5. That all students can be expected to succeed;

6. That access to quality education must be provided for all students regardless of linguistic background, culture, race, sex, sexual orientation, capability or geographic location;
7. In an educational experience that supports academic growth beyond proficiency in established academic content standards and encourages all students to attain aspirational goals that are individually challenging;
8. In supporting the physical and cognitive growth and development of all students.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.025](#)

[ORS 329.035](#)

[ORS 329.485](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

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