

## **Educational Philosophy**

The district is dedicated to providing a positive learning environment so that all students will see themselves as important and contributing members of their family, community and world. Therefore, education should be an enjoyable experience that enhances life-long learning, stimulates creativity and encourages problem solving, enabling students to succeed in an ever-changing world.

With this vision, the district will strive to:

1. Provide an equal educational opportunity for every student.
2. Provide a staff dedicated to excellence in education.
3. Provide an educational program that establishes a foundation of BASIC SKILLS in the areas of: reading , oral and written communication, mathematics, and computing. With these skills students can explore other academic areas (e.g., science, humanities, technology) that will enable them to comprehend and participate in an information-based world.
4. Foster the student's development of:
  - a. Respect for self;
  - b. An awareness of individual differences and respect for others;
  - c. A strong work ethic and skills to work cooperatively with others;
  - d. Personal strengths and abilities that lead to responsible participation in family, community and society;
  - e. A desire to strive for excellence in life and work.
5. Foster an environment of frequent, open communication that encourages increased parent and community participation in the education of students.
6. Provide a safe, drug free environment that enhances learning.
7. Encourage an understanding and respect for the planet, its people and resources.
8. Promote opportunities for professional and personal growth of staff.
9. Prepare students to exercise the responsibilities and rights of democratic citizenship and to understand the differences in governments.

10. Help students explore career options, prepare for advanced education and training, and develop skills for employment.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 329.025](#)

[ORS 329.035](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

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