

**District Strategic Plan and Comprehensive School Plans**  
**Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans**

**BP 0100 (a)**

**CORE BELIEFS**  
**PHILOSOPHY**

In order to establish and support a guiding vision for the district, the Board of Education 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)*

~~As part of its responsibility to establish a Strategic Plan for the district, the Board of Education shall develop and regularly review a set of Core Beliefs which include the district's values or tenets by which the district operates. The Board and district staff shall incorporate core beliefs in all district programs and activities.~~

~~*(cf. 0000 - Strategic Plan)*~~

~~The Core Beliefs of the district are:~~

- ~~• We believe in high achievement. We believe in supporting students, parents and staff to perform to their greatest potential for achieving excellence.~~
- ~~• We welcome the richness of our community's diversity. We are united in our shared goal of providing the best educational opportunity for everyone.~~
- ~~• We believe that treating each other with dignity and respect is essential in creating a successful learning and working environment.~~
- ~~• We are dedicated to providing an environment that is physically, intellectually and emotionally safe.~~
- ~~• We take pride in our 100 year legacy of contributing to a strong community. We are committed to responding positively in meeting the changing needs of our students and community.~~

It is the philosophy of the district that:

1. All students can learn and succeed.
2. Every student should have an opportunity to receive a quality education regardless of his/her social, cultural, or economic background.

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

**CORE BELIEFS**

**PHILOSOPHY (continued)**

3. Every student in the district has a right to be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, as prohibited by law or district policy.
4. The future of our nation and community depends on students possessing the skills to be lifelong learners, collaborative and creative problem solvers, and effective, contributing members of a global and technologically advanced society.
5. Highly skilled and dedicated teachers and educational support staff have the capacity to guide students toward individual achievement and growth, and have a direct and powerful influence on student learning and life experiences.
6. 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)*

7. 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)*

8. 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.
9. Early identification of learning and behavioral difficulties and timely and appropriate support and intervention contribute to student success.
10. Students and staff are encouraged and motivated by high expectations and recognition for their accomplishments.
11. School improvement is a dynamic process requiring flexibility and innovation to meet the needs of students in a changing world.
12. 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)*

13. The diversity of the student body and school staff enriches the learning experience, promotes cultural awareness and acceptance, and serves as a model for citizenship in a global society.
14. A common set of norms and protocols is crucial to effective governance.

**CORE BELIEFS**

**PHILOSOPHY (continued)**

15. 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.
16. The community and district are inextricably connected partners, wherein the community's engagement in issues that impact the schools enhances the district's programs and student learning.

*(cf. 1000 - Concepts and Roles)*

17. Two-way communication with all stakeholders is essential for establishing continuity, support, and shared goals both within the district and with the surrounding community.
18. 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.
19. A fiscally sound budget which is reflective of the district's vision is imperative to the financial stability of the district and to the attainment of its goals.
20. 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*

*Management Resources:*

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WEB SITES

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