

Board Policy 0100

Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

PHILOSOPHY

Mission Statement: The central mission of the West Sonoma County Union High School District is to provide high quality instruction, and student achievement is the highest district priority.

The educational philosophy of the Governing Board is to provide effective leadership involving parents/guardians, community, students and employees towards: enhancing academic excellence, promoting fiscal responsibility, developing student and staff self-esteem and responsibility, promoting a positive school climate, valuing the uniqueness of individuals, promoting ethical and moral behavior, being responsible to parents/guardians and community, and developing life-long learning skills and desires.

The educational philosophy shall serve as a basis for decision making and provides the community with the concepts and convictions held by the Board to provide students with the educational foundation needed to become contributing members of society.

It is the philosophy of the West Sonoma County Union High School District that our program be based on the democratic concept of the innate worth of every individual. We recognize our first responsibility it is the student.

The administration, with the participation of all personnel, will provide facilities, materials, guidance, leadership, and support which will encourage each teacher to teach with full effectiveness.

Although the teacher-student relationship is the functional core of learning in the schools, all members of the staff and student body are expected to bring positive influence to this enterprise.

The schools will provide a comprehensive educational program to all students within available resources and maintain skilled and dedicated instructional staff and support personnel, and a skilled and dedicated administrative staff to provide curricular and extracurricular leadership.

We see this total process as one designed to develop good citizenship. We conceive a good citizen as one who possesses self-respect, civility, and a sense of personal competence and skill, together with a direction toward significant personal and social goals. These goals include a sense of the worth of the individual, moral and spiritual values in harmony with the appreciation of the family. We will provide an atmosphere within which students can learn the structure of the political, scientific, economic and natural environments. We will encourage the students to appreciate and respect tradition, but welcome appropriate change in technology, social structure, and practical skills.

Our students must be prepared to see their values challenged, and to examine, reaffirm or modify them as part of the process of living.

We hold these educational goals as consistent with the Jeffersonian view that an unenlightened people “will not long remain free” with the Lincoln’s declaration that our nation is “of, by, and for the people.”

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