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The Governing Board believes that all students can succeed regardless of their race, background or ability. School staff shall embody this philosophy in all district programs and activities.

The district further believes that: 1) the central interest of schools is the learner, 2) learning is an active process, 3) our schools are responsible for each learner, 4) experiencing success is crucial to the learning process, 5) the qualities of teaching and learning are inextricably interwoven, 6) program improvement is a continuing process, 7) providing quality program education is a responsibility of our community and, 8) our community provides an essential resource to the educational program.

In order to create the environment necessary for effective schools, the Board endorses and prescribes strong instructional leadership, a safe and orderly climate, schoolwide emphasis on basic skills, high teacher expectations for student achievement, and continuous assessment of student progress.

The Superintendent or designee shall keep the Board fully informed regarding the district's efforts to achieve effective schools and any hindrances to meeting district goals.

Vision

We are committed to creating a nurturing environment in which student learning is dynamic, focuses on critical thinking, and utilizes state-of -the-art technology and instruction.

The vision of the El Rancho Unified School District is to prepare students to succeed in the global society of the 21st century.

Teachers, classified employees, administrators and families will work together for the betterment of students in an atmosphere of trust and service. Parents will be equal partners and hold a position of responsibility in the education of their children.

We will build a strong public and private partnership for the purpose of garnering resources that will benefit all members of our learning community.

Our uncompromising vision affirms that in working together we will instill in students a passion for life-long learning.

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Mission

The mission of the El Rancho Unified School District, in Partnership with the community, is to provide an innovative and challenging learning environment that promotes excellence. We will prepare students as life-long learners to succeed academically, intellectually, socially, emotionally and culturally.

We are committed to providing an enriched curriculum with high expectations for all students, which emphasizes the skills, concepts and processes necessary for the technological and cultural challenges of the 21st century.

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Belief Statement

- We believe in nurturing excellence through the recognition of quality people and the identification and implementation of state-of-the-art programs.
- We believe in fostering/developing group and individual critical thinking and creativity.
- We believe that safe, clean and orderly school and district facilities are conducive to learning.
- We believe that shared decision-making and shared responsibility lead to open communication and acceptance.
- We believe that success depends on risk taking and achievement through hard work, competition and cooperation.
- We believe in preparing students to be proficient in the use of emerging technologies.
- We believe that by affirming cultural and linguistic diversity we will encourage pride in one's own culture and respect for diversity.
- We believe that when parents are actively involved in the education of their children, students are better able to achieve their academic potential.
- We believe that a supportive family is a cornerstone of a dynamic and successful school community.
- We believe that nurturing positive self-esteem is essential for personal success and mutual respect.
- We believe that the district should operate within responsible financial boundaries that include future fiscal planning which reflects instructional priorities and aggressively seeks available funding sources.
- We believe in quality outcomes for which students, employees, parents, and community are accountable for excellence.
- We believe that all individuals will attain their highest potential through an on-going program of learning.
- We believe that the ever increasing responsibilities of young people require that students be skilled in decision-making strategies.

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- We believe in providing a curriculum that prepares all students with marketable and adaptive skills to succeed in a changing world.
- We believe that El Rancho Unified School district will demonstrate responsibility for community, national, global, and environmental issues.
- We believe that planning and implementation go hand-in-hand and requires a commitment to follow-through.