

PHILOSOPHY

As part of its responsibility to establish a guiding vision for the district, the Governing Board shall develop and regularly review a set of fundamental principles which describes the district's beliefs, values or tenets. The Board and district staff shall incorporate this philosophy in all district programs and activities.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Belief Statement

1. We believe in nurturing excellence through the recognition of quality people and the identification and implementation of state-of-the-art programs.
2. We believe in fostering/developing group and individual critical thinking and creativity.
3. We believe that safe, clean and orderly school and district facilities are conducive to learning.
4. We believe that shared decision-making and shared responsibility lead to open communication and acceptance.
5. We believe that success depends on risk taking and achievement through hard work, competition and cooperation.
6. We believe in preparing students to be proficient in the use of emerging technologies.
7. We believe that by affirming cultural and linguistic diversity we will encourage pride in one's own culture and respect for diversity.
8. We believe that when parents are actively involved in the education of their children, students are better able to achieve their academic potential.
9. We believe that a supportive family is a cornerstone of a dynamic and successful school community.
10. We believe that nurturing positive self-esteem is essential for personal success and mutual respect.
11. 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.

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12. We believe in quality outcomes for which students, employees, parents, and community are accountable for excellence.
13. We believe that all individuals will attain their highest potential through an ongoing program of learning.
14. We believe that the ever increasing responsibilities of young people require that students be skilled in decision-making strategies.
15. We believe in providing a curriculum that prepares all students with marketable and adaptive skills to succeed in a changing world.
16. We believe that El Rancho Unified School district will demonstrate responsibility for community, national, global, and environmental issues.
17. We believe that planning and implementation go hand-in-hand and requires a commitment to follow-through.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51002 Local development of programs based on stated philosophy and goals

51019 Definition of philosophy

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing School Board Leadership: Vision, 1996