

1:30 School District Philosophy

The School District, in an active partnership with parents and community, will promote excellence in a caring environment in which all students learn and grow. This partnership shall empower all students to develop a strong self-esteem and to become responsible learners and decision-makers. The School District is committed to developing and using a visionary and innovative curriculum, a knowledgeable and dedicated staff, and sound fiscal and management practices.

Mission Statement

The mission of Oak Park Elementary School District 97 is to guarantee that each student achieves optimal intellectual growth while developing socially, emotionally, and physically through a system distinguished by:

- Exemplary instruction focused on each student
- Commitment to the needs of a diverse population
- Meaningful partnerships with families and the community
- Celebrations of the power of art, music, and language
- Confident students challenged to be educational risk-takers

Vision Statement

Oak Park Elementary School District 97 will create a positive learning environment for all students that is equitable, inclusive and focused on the whole child.

Goals

That all District 97 students are:

Known, nurtured, and celebrated LEARNERS – every student feels a sense of belonging and is meaningfully engaged in rigorous learning with his/her unique needs being met and strengths leveraged.

Empowered and passionate SCHOLARS – every student is inspired to develop his/her full potential (academic, physical, artistic, and emotional) in order to cultivate high-intellectual performance.

Confident and persistent ACHIEVERS – every student has the access and opportunity to learn at high levels, eliminating the predictability of learning outcomes that are associated with race, gender and socioeconomic status.

Creative CRITICAL THINKERS and GLOBAL CITIZENS – every student is meaningfully engaged in our learning environments and challenged to become a critical thinker, creative solution seeker and contributor to the global community.

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