Sheridan School District 48J

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Instructional Goals (Version 1)

In establishing an effective educational program as part of the students' total education, the district recognizes the importance of developing a partnership that promotes the involvement of staff, parents and the community [through such means as 21st Century Schools Councils, local school committees and advisory committees].

The district is committed to a continual process of collaborative decision making and goal setting that supports the physical and cognitive growth and development of students around the following characteristics:

- 1. Provides equal and open access and educational opportunities for all students regardless of their linguistic background, culture, race, sex, sexual orientation, capability or geographic location;
- 2. Assumes that all students can learn and establishes high, specific skill and knowledge expectations and recognizes individual differences at all instructional levels;
- 3. Provides special education, compensatory education, linguistically and culturally appropriate education and other specialized programs to all students who need those services;
- 4. Provides students with a solid foundation in the skills of reading, writing, problem solving and communication;
- 5. Provides opportunities for students to learn, think, reason, retrieve information, use technology and work effectively alone and in groups;
- 6. Provides for rigorous academic content standards and instruction in mathematics, science, English, history, geography, economics, civics, physical education, health, the arts and second world languages;
- 7. Provides students with an educational background to the end that they will function successfully in a constitutional republic, a participatory democracy and a multicultural nation and world;
- 8. Provides students with the knowledge and skills that will provide the opportunities to succeed in the world of work, as members of families and as citizens;
- 9. Provides students with the knowledge, skills and positive attitude that lead to an active, healthy lifestyle;
- 10. Provides students with the knowledge and skills to take responsibility for their decisions and choices:

- 11. Provides opportunities for students to learn through a variety of teaching strategies;
- 12. Emphasizes involvement of parents and community in the total education of students;
- 13. Transports students safely to and from school;
- 14. Ensures that the funds allocated to schools reflect the uncontrollable differences in costs facing each district;
- 15. Ensures that local schools have adequate control of how funds are spent to best meet the needs of students in their communities;
- 16. Provides for a safe, educational environment;
- 17. Supports students' academic growth beyond proficiency in academic content standards and encourages their attainment of individual goals[...][;] [and]
- 18. [Utilizes valid and reliable data for evaluating the success of curriculum, instruction, resource allocation and school improvement.]

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.025	OAR 581-022-1020	OAR 581-022-1340
ORS 329.125	OAR 581-022-1030	
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