

District ~~Philosophy and~~ Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Commitments

~~The 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 aims to empower all students to develop a strong self-respect and to become responsible learners and decision-makers. The District is committed to developing and using a visionary and innovative curriculum, a knowledgeable and dedicated staff, and sound fiscal and management practices.~~

Philosophy —

The Board is pledged to the following philosophy of education:

- ~~1. We are committed to the education of all children in the District who can benefit from public school education.~~
- ~~2. We are committed to the belief that education is the process whereby society utilizes its knowledge of learning to develop each individual to the highest degree possible as a member of a democratic society.~~
- ~~3. We are committed to the task of providing as solid a foundation of both academic or vocational knowledge and skills as each individual child's ability will permit.~~
- ~~4. We are committed to the belief that individual differences exist in the school population and that differentiation of instruction is imperative if individual needs are to be met adequately; further, that atypical pupils should be discovered, encouraged and challenged.~~
- ~~5. We are committed to the belief that every child should be encouraged and stimulated to be perceptive, to exercise critical thinking and to make logical decisions based on facts.~~
- ~~6. We are committed to the task of developing in every child an understanding and appreciation of the forces and ideals which have made America great, and a sense of personal responsibility as future citizens of the community, of Illinois, of the United States, and of the world.~~
- ~~7. We are committed to the provision of guidance that will foster the best possible vocation choices commensurate with the child's ability.~~
- ~~8. We are committed to freedom from any sexual, cultural, ethnic or religious bias.~~
- ~~9.1. We are committed to the development of an awareness of and appreciation for diversity.~~

Mission Statement

~~Unit 5 will educate~~ Educating each student to achieve personal excellence.

Vision Statement

To inspire curiosity, empower and grow individuals, elevate community, and prepare for the future.

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Commitments – The Unit 5



Integrity

We believe in challenging what we do and how we do it. Therefore, we build trust and earn respect through honesty, fair process, and transparency in our decision-making.



Belonging

We believe in fostering a safe, courageous, and inclusive environment for all. Therefore, we develop relationships that are accepting, validating, and appreciative of differences.



Engagement

We believe in igniting inspiration and supporting innovation. Therefore, we optimize learning experiences that foster curiosity and develop a passion for learning among all students and staff.



Teamwork

We believe in making a collective and collaborative impact. Therefore, we are intentional about being open to all ideas and solutions toward accomplishing our goals.



Excellence

We believe in high expectations with high support. Therefore, we elevate our community by embracing change through continuous improvement, individually and collectively.

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