

A good school system worthy of its name must operate and function within the terms of its stated philosophy of education. It must proclaim firmly what it believes to be the place of the public school in society. There must be a statement of purpose and objectives which establishes the framework within which the instructional activities are carried on in the various classrooms.

In a democratic society, the role of the public school is dual in character:

1. To develop the individual to their highest potential and
2. To educate them to be a worthy member of society.

We believe that in order to clarify this role, the public school must define its purpose.

The purpose of the educational program in the Minidoka County Joint School District No. 331 is to help each individual:

1. Develop basic skills, such as reading, writing, using numbers, tools and materials of instruction.
2. Develop knowledge and understandings, attitudes, and appreciations in the fine arts, the practical arts, and the natural, physical and social sciences.
3. Attain the best possible physical and mental health.
4. Develop good work and study habits.
5. Develop the ability to think logically, critically, and constructively.
6. Develop the ability to express ideas clearly and creatively.
7. Discover and develop their special abilities and talents.
8. Explore and prepare for further education and for vocational opportunities.
9. Develop interests, attitudes and appreciations which are basic to the worthy use of leisure time.
10. Develop ethical behavior and personal responsibility.
11. Develop constructive interpersonal and civic attitudes and skills.

The aim of the Minidoka County Joint School District No. 331 is to develop an informed, competent, sensitive, and responsible citizen; one who is prepared to assume their role in local and national affairs, who has a discernment of international problems and relationships, and whose action will reflect a respect for and an understanding of their American heritage.

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