

CHAPTER 1.00 - DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY

DISTRICT'S PHILOSOPHY

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- I. The mission of Lafayette County Schools is to guarantee each student will excel through an education system characterized by compassion and integrity, an engaging curriculum, and application of innovative approaches.
- II. We believe that education is a process which begins at birth and continues throughout life. In a democratic society, this process is open-ended, with few restrictions placed on what can be taught or learned. It is imperative that each School District select those programs, techniques, and methods which it considers most important to ensuring the greatest possible development and growth of its students. These decisions must be based on student's need, interest, and backgrounds.

Since learning is a process of growth, development, and social interaction, and is complex and highly individual, the learning environment must be broad and diverse insuring appropriate opportunities for all students. Only through a commonsense of purpose shared by the community and the schools can the educations needs of students be fulfilled.

- III. We believe that
 - A. Each person has an unlimited capacity for learning.
 - B. All persons have a right to equal opportunity for success.
 - C. Each person has intrinsic values.
 - D. High expectations lead to greater achievement.
 - E. Every person has the right to be safe.
 - F. The family is the most important group to which any person belongs.
 - G. Everyone is responsible for his/her actions.
 - H. Honesty and integrity are essential to relationships.
 - I. Groups prosper best when the needs of their members are met.
 - J. Cultural diversity enriches our lives.

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- K. Public education is vital to the common good.
- L. Service to others is a morale imperative.

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