

### **GOALS OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

In order to fulfill the aims of the school unit's educational philosophy, we believe that our elementary schools should strive to achieve the following objectives. The elementary educational program should:

- A. Provide sequential instruction which assures mastery, according to each student's ability, of the basic skills of reading, writing, math, speaking, listening, inquiry, reasoning and problem solving;
- B. Provide the basic foundations which students need to begin the process of critically evaluating and understanding the world around them; making appropriate and realistic life choices and value judgments; and understanding the rights and responsibilities of free citizens in a democratic society;
- C. Provide students with an awareness and understanding of our cultural heritage;
- D. Provide each student with the opportunity to develop physically and creatively as well as intellectually; and
- E. Provide the organizational patterns, instructional techniques and educational materials necessary to meet the individual needs of students.

The elementary school environment should:

- A. Be socially and emotionally supportive, enabling each student to develop a positive self-image, respect for self and others, a desire to learn and a sense of responsibility for individual achievement;
- B. Be warm, accepting and relaxed yet firm enough to provide the discipline necessary for the orderly conduct of the educational process;
- C. Be success-oriented and challenging while striving to be free of unnecessary frustration and failure; and
- D. Foster the attitude that regular school attendance is important and necessary.

The elementary staff should:

- A. Respect and accept all students and be sensitive to the individual needs and feelings of children;

- B. Accept appropriate responsibility for determining the needs of each student and for providing learning experiences which effectively meet those needs;
- C. Provide responsible supervision for all students;
- D. Make use of sound new practices in teaching and learning which are consistent with the philosophy and goals of the school unit;
- E. Report individual student progress to parents in a format which is clear and acceptable to both parents and staff;
- F. Support the school unit's effort to remain responsive to the needs of the students and communities it serves by seeking input from parents and the larger community for the improvement of the educational program;
- G. Support the school unit's public relations program by maintaining effective communication between the home and school; and
- H. Participate to the fullest extent possible as individuals and as a staff in all activities designed to promote the professional growth of staff members.

The elementary school facilities should:

- A. Be adequate to carry out the educational program; and
- B. Provide a safe and healthy environment for all students.

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