

**PHILOSOPHY**

As part of its responsibility to establish a guiding vision for the district, the Governing Board shall develop and regularly review a set of fundamental principles which describes the district's beliefs, values or tenets. The Board and district staff shall incorporate this philosophy in all district programs and activities.

The Board has developed the following belief statements to support its philosophy of a guiding vision for the district:

**Belief Statements**

Children are our first priority. Therefore we believe...

- All students can learn.
- Trust, integrity, respect, citizenship, honesty, responsibility, commitment, and pride are the foundations on which our district is built.
- Academic performance and positive personal development are highest measures of district success.
- Knowledgeable, motivated, and inspired employees assure the success of our students.
- Parents and community involvement in our schools is crucial to the academic success of our students.
- Everyone has the right to learn and work in a safe, healthy, orderly, and clean environment.
- The district operates efficiently and effectively through focused leadership, fiscal responsibility, and open communication, with a strong academic program as the top priority.
- Students should understand and respect the origin of the nation, the law of the land, and principles of our democracy.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*51002 Local development of programs based on stated philosophy and goals*

*51019 Definition of philosophy*