**Instructional Philosophy**

Education is a vital and continuous part of the life process and as such, the instructional programs offered by the schools are designed to implement programs, which lead toward achievement of the following educational goals:

1. Programs and related experiences which will result in economically competent citizens.
2. Skill in problem solving through observing, listening, speaking, writing, investigating, analyzing, and evaluating.
3. An understanding of the responsibilities of good citizenship joined with loyalty and respect for the ideals of our democratic society.
4. Competence to understand and function effectively in a rapidly changing world.
5. Understanding and appreciation of persons belonging to all social, cultural, and ethnic groups.
7. Good health habits and an understanding of environmental conditions necessary for the maintenance of mental, physical, and emotional well-being.
8. An awareness of the need for conservation of human and natural resources.
9. A positive attitude toward the learning process and the realization that education is a lifetime activity.
10. Constructive use of leisure time to broaden one's interests and to develop creative talents.
11. Appreciation of the family as a basic unit of society through which our cultural heritage may be transmitted and moral standards may be established.

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