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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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The board believes that the function of formal education is to provide a foundation for lifelong learning and to enable each student to participate effectively and responsibly in a changing world. The board recognizes the critical role of parents, governmental and nonprofit agencies, businesses and the community in helping individual students and the school system meet educational goals. A successful educational program also depends on innovation at the individual school level. The board is committed to allowing individual schools to develop and implement plans necessary to ensure the educational success of their students.

In addition to providing a basic education program as prescribed by the State Board of Education, the board believes that the educational program must also strive to provide each student the opportunity to:

- learn to be responsible for and accept the consequences of one's conduct and academic performance;
- develop the capacity to examine and solve problems;
- foster respect and appreciation for cultural and ideological diversity and differences;
- develop the ability to be productive in a team environment;
- learn and acquire the skills necessary for a lifetime of continuous learning and adaptation to change in the workplace and society;
- acquire the skills needed for technological literacy in a rapidly changing world;
- prepare for challenging curriculum beyond secondary school; and when possible, complete high school courses required for college entry in less than four years;
- achieve high levels of success in a rigorous curriculum;
- acquire the skills necessary for success as life-long learners; and
- remain in school and earn a high school diploma and, when possible, earn an associate degree or two (2) years of college credit.

These goals and objectives of the educational program shall be used to guide administrators, teachers and the board in all of their duties, including curriculum development, selection of materials and issues related to instructional time.