

NASHUA SCHOOL DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

Nashua schools receive students with a variety of abilities, interests, and experiences, and the schools use the resources provided by the community to implement a program of planned, sequential, instructional experiences and activities based on sound educational practices and research. The goal of the program is to develop the knowledge, skills, processes, and attitudes which students will need to be productive, responsible, and self-fulfilled members of schools and society.

To achieve this goal the District strives to develop students who are:

- able to acquire, communicate, and use information by applying skills in reading, speaking, listening, writing, spelling, viewing, calculating, and computing as well as organizing and evaluating information.
- able to make good decisions by gathering information, anticipating outcomes, making appropriate choices and accepting the responsibility for these choices.
- aware of the importance of achieving and maintaining good health, personal safety, and physical fitness.
- understand the basic techniques in art and music and the importance of the arts as a means of personal creative expression.
- able to use appropriate interpersonal skills and respect the rights and needs of others and themselves.
- cognizant of their own personal skills, talents, interests, abilities and needs.
- aware of the importance of responsible participation in the community and in society.
- aware of the need to respect and protect the environment and natural resources.
- accepting of their personal responsibility in the teaching/learning process.

In accomplishing these goals the school acknowledges the individual needs of its students in level, rate, and style of learning and provides a variety of appropriate instructional, enrichment, and extra-curricular experiences. The commitment is to provide each student with challenging experiences and the necessary support to assure that each student achieves these goals to the maximum of his/her potential within the available resources of time, personnel, and materials. Students should ultimately develop the skills and competencies to continue their education and/or obtain gainful employment.

The Nashua schools are committed to a cooperative relationship and open communication among the home, the school, and the community to assure that a nurturing and supportive environment is provided for the students and that opportunities to reinforce these goals occur in all of the students' experiences.

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