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PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Basic to any curriculum and general school system operation are the philosophical and educational beliefs supported by those who design and implement curriculum and practices. The School Board realizes that for the philosophy of the school system to continually meet the needs of the students, the community, and society, it shall be constantly monitored, reviewed, evaluated, and revised accordingly. The following beliefs are valued and accepted by the personnel of the Jefferson Davis Parish School System.

1. Each person is a unique individual as a result of his/her experiences. This statement implies that the learning process, and that which is learned, will vary with each individual.
2. Learning develops through involvement, which is the interaction of the learner with all facets of the environment. The learner involved is continuously making choices, the consequences of which shapes his/her being.
3. The critical factors of any learning experience include content, the process of learning, and the interaction of the learner and the teacher (not necessarily a human teacher). All of these factors are of equal importance and all must be continually evaluated in terms of stated measurable objectives.

This philosophy of education is reflected by a curriculum which emphasizes the school system's responsibility to the learner. These responsibilities are as follows:

1. Provide a stimulating environment in which the learner can and will accept the responsibility for his/her own intellectual, emotional and behavioral development in order to achieve his/her own personal and vocational objectives.
2. Provide numerous and varied opportunities for the learner to become actively involved with content and processes through interaction in classroom and related learning situations.
3. Provide competent, creative teachers capable of synthesizing knowledge, learning processes and learning resources.
4. Provide continuously cooperative evaluation of each learner by the system and by the learner himself/herself to assess his attainment of growth.

5. Encourage all school system personnel to evaluate effectiveness and efficiency of the total school program.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Jefferson Davis Parish School System, with community involvement, will provide all students with educational opportunities necessary for success in a technological, multicultural, global society.

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