

The Philosophy of The Board of Education

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The Thomas County Board of Education believes that the school is an institution in our society organized and supported to promote efficient learning. Therefore, raising the level of human abilities and improving interpersonal relationships form the philosophical framework within which the goals and objectives for the system can be identified.

Regarding the Individual:

1. We believe in the dignity and worth of the individual. . .
2. We believe that individuals are unique and have particular needs, interests, and desires. . .
3. We believe that individuals should do their best while pursuing those particular needs, interests, and desires which enhance their own dignity and worth and which do not violate the dignity and worth of other individuals. . .

Regarding the Individual & Others:

4. We believe that each person should respect and support individual rights and property rights of others. . .
5. We believe that each person has an obligation to assist others in raising their levels of abilities and improving their interpersonal relationships. . .
6. We believe that individuals should support others in fulfilling those particular needs, interests, and desires which enhance their own dignity and worth and which do not violate the dignity and worth of others. . .
7. We believe that each individual should participate in inter-group relationships and accept the responsibilities within these groups--family, neighborhood, community, state, nation, and world. . .

Regarding the Individual & the Environment:

8. We believe that the school has an obligation to provide individuals with sufficient information to foster intelligent decisions about the utilization of natural resources and the enhancement of the environment. . .

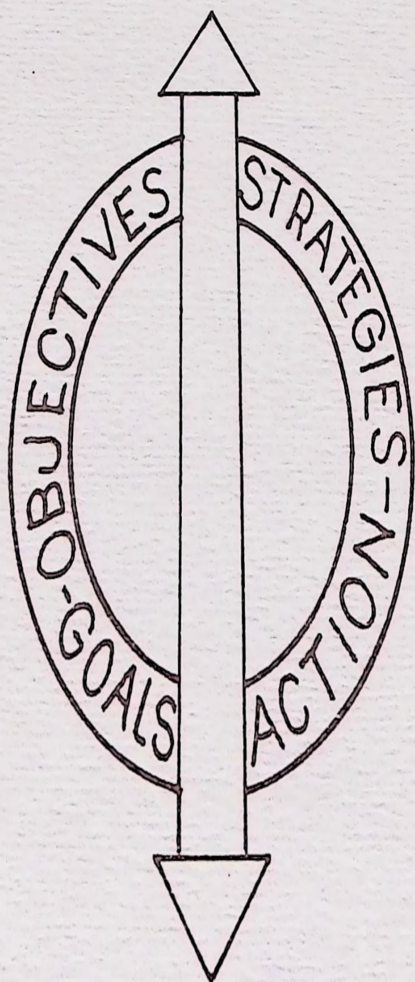
Regarding the Individual & Society:

9. We believe that the individuals have an obligation to participate in society. . .
10. We believe that the school has an obligation to society to cultivate well-informed, socially responsive, and productive citizens for critical participation in a free society. . .

It is the responsibility of the Thomas County Board of Education to direct a school system wherein the above philosophical principles are practiced and adhered to.

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To Bring About
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