

# EASTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION/  
MISSION STATEMENT

ADOPTED: May 17, 2007

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<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">101. PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION/MISSION STATEMENT</p> <p><u>District Philosophy</u></p> <p>The district believes in democracy as the American way of life, a system that gives equal social, educational, and economic opportunities to each individual. Maximum freedom for all is best attained under laws democratically enacted and fairly administered. This demands a society made up of individuals who have the ability to accept public responsibilities intelligently, a society made up of individuals who are literate, well informed, and cognizant of their obligations to fellow citizens.</p> <p>Each individual is capable of growing and developing physically, mentally, and socially. The role of the district is to foster this growth. The speed with which the individual learns and gains knowledge varies greatly; this is the law of individual differences. The district recognizes this and will adjust the curriculum and methods of teaching to the needs of the individual insofar as it is possible. It is the duty of the district to teach in such a way that the student will be a credit, not only to him/herself but also to the society in which s/he lives. It is the duty of the district to help develop the individual to the point where s/he can make the greatest contribution to the community, state, and nation. The district will teach each child to be competent physically, mentally, morally, and socially.</p> <p>It can be stated that a school district consists of many hearts, such as the community, student body, finances, plant facilities, staff, and curriculum. Needless to say, it would be detrimental to attempt to separate one from the other, but without question, an educational program of great depth and breadth is a very important responsibility of the local educational agency.</p> <p>Every district is obligated to the student body to prepare and look to the future to keep abreast of new developments in technology, course content, and methodology. No curriculum can remain static; it must be flexible and change when dictated by the needs of society.</p>
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<p>2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.1</p>	<p>The Board is committed to providing a system of education that will offer equal educational opportunities in accordance with a student's interests, abilities and needs, consistent with available resources.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.11</p>	<p>The purpose of education in the schools of this district is to facilitate development of the potential of each student to the fullest. Education is the guidance of the student through the learning processes to the end that the individual becomes personally effective in a dynamic society.</p>
	<p><u>Belief Statements</u></p> <p>Recognizing that the educational system should be a reflection of the community it represents, the district believes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students need a challenging curriculum that is sensitive to their individual needs.</li> <li>2. All students should be exposed to a variety of learning experiences.</li> <li>3. Students learn best in a safe environment.</li> <li>4. Character development of students is part of the entire learning experience.</li> <li>5. The focus of education is for individuals to be life-long learners.</li> </ol>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.13</p>	<p><u>District Mission Statement</u></p> <p>The Easton Area School District respects the diversity of its student population and is dedicated to the importance of developing our students into responsible citizens. We will provide each student with an academically challenging program that enhances creativity, develops an ability to use technology, and encourages critical thinking and problem solving. In support of this mission, we will ensure a safe instructional environment and promote life-long learning.</p>