

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The Dayton School Committee subscribes to the philosophy that:

- A. Education must be a cooperative effort among parents, students, educational personnel and the community;
- B. Education will foster intellectual growth;
- C. Education must be responsive to the total person and provide an environment which will stimulate and encourage each to achieve one's personal maximum capacity; and
- D. Education must recognize and accept individual differences and provide all students with equal opportunities.

Goals

Education should provide opportunities for the individual to:

- A. Develop a sense of personal worth and respect for self and others;
- B. Develop the capacity to discipline oneself;
- C. Develop and maintain good health and physical fitness;
- D. Foster curiosity, imagination and creativity in the learning process;
- E. Learn the fundamental skills of reading, writing and arithmetic;
- F. Develop an awareness, appreciation and responsibility for one's environment;
- G. Develop awareness that each student is a member of society and must come to respect and understand one's responsibilities as a member of a family and one's in-school and out-of-school groups;
- H. Learn in a pleasant atmosphere, utilizing a flexible curriculum (e.g., Special Education, Gifted and Talented) relevant to oneself and society;

- I. Learn to communicate effectively with others;
- J. Develop an appreciation of one's historical and cultural heritage;
- K. Recognize change and learn to cope with it effectively;
- L. Develop a knowledge of the pure and applied sciences; and
- M. Develop an awareness of technology.

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