## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

## **Community Education Philosophy**

The board strongly supports community education. The board is dedicated to the community education philosophy of improving the quality of life for young people and adults through academic, enrichment and recreational programs. Community Education is a focal point for delivering a wide range of community-based services and activities.

The board further recognizes that:

- Education and learning is lifelong, continuous and an integral part of the community;
- People are best served when their capacity to help themselves is acknowledged and developed;
- Community Education offers local residents, community agencies, and institutions the opportunity to become active partners in providing educational experiences and addressing community concerns;
- The district is committed to developing programs and services that address the continuously changing public needs and interests.

Therefore, school facilities and resources are made available within the context of school district policy and regulations. All educational, recreational and/or enrichment offerings utilizing any district facility beyond the K-12 program shall be coordinated and administered through the Community Education office. The board reserves the right to establish and collect reasonable fees.

See Also: Policy 1330: Use of Facilities

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