

STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of education in our schools shall be:

- to kindle a desire and provide the means for intellectual, emotional, moral, social and physical growth leading to knowledge and excellence;
- to help all children acquire, according to their capabilities, the power and will to learn and to live a creative life as members of a democratic society; and
- to help each individual student develop the will to explore and enlarge the realm of the human mind and spirit.

In order to achieve these goals our schools will provide:

- teaching that inspires, challenges, informs and constantly searches for methods of improvement;
- a classroom climate that recognizes the value of encouragement and the positive approach to education; and
- professional, flexible evaluation techniques that reflect children's cumulative growth and complete development as well as their academic achievement.

The staff, with the Board's full cooperation, will strive to make it possible for each child:

- to develop the ability to think clearly, reason effectively, master the tools of learning and use them with purpose;
- to acquire an understanding of history, appreciate our nation's heritage, traditions and ideals, and achieve respect for individuals and their differences and for the relationships that exist on a personal, local, national and international level; and
- to develop originality and creativity, and maintain the integrity of the individual personality.
- to achieve sound physical and mental health with body and mind disciplined by physical activities, learning experiences, and a heightened sense of responsibility for full participation in society.
- to be constantly guided towards high moral, ethical and aesthetic values.

The Board recognizes that learning is a life-long process and acknowledges responsibility for helping adults continue to learn in order to achieve creative and occupational fulfillment.

Great Neck Public Schools

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