

CHAPTER 1.00 - DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY

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The District School Board of Putnam County, Florida is dedicated to the individual and his/her pursuit of excellence. We are committed to a belief in the worth and uniqueness of the individual. In order to foster each individual's potentialities, the educational environment should offer varied opportunities for successful learning and growth, with the understanding that total human knowledge cannot be passed on to every student, but keeping in mind that we must constantly tap the gifts and talents of all students and, thereby, develop their particular strengths and interests.

We affirm the value of differences within and among human beings; we strive to encourage variability, and to recognize social responsibility within the framework of our democratic ideals. Realizing that learning involves many dimensions of intellect, as well as the senses and emotions, we seek to develop and utilize the awareness of inherent human processes in order to cultivate knowledge, attitudes, emotions and skills. We recognize man's propensity for exploration and learning and propose to challenge each student to work to his/her highest potential.

We believe it is important that each student master the skills he/she will be required to use in life. Whether these skills are labeled "academic", "vocational", or some other label, the essential need is that every student be equipped to live his/her life as a fulfilled human being. If he/she is to live his/her life with a machine, he/she must know how to use them. If he/she is to live with a computer, he/she must know how to use them. If he/she is to live with a computer, he/she must understand its magic. We must strive to help each student answer these questions: Who am I? Where do I want to go in life? How do I get there?

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