

## IGA - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The determination of curriculum is fundamentally the responsibility of each school district in the state. However, the curriculum must meet certain educational requirements set by statute and by the Division of Elementary Secondary Education.

Because education is a life-long process, the educational program in this school district will provide both formal studies to meet the general academic needs of students, and opportunities for students to develop individual talents and interests that will help them progress in vocational, business, and other specialized fields.

In our schools, an atmosphere will prevail in which healthy growth is fostered, ability is recognized, and excellence encouraged, and in which a productive life is held before pupils as a model to emulate.

The various instructional programs will be developed so that each child, in his progression through the various grades of our schools, receives a balanced, varied, and sequentially organized education that will serve his educational needs and prepare him for a productive, useful life in society. Different abilities and interest levels will be served to meet this goal.

#### Commitment to Basics

As one of its educational priority objectives, the Board has endorsed the concept that a good basic education is the heart of preparation for any career or life goal.

The Board believes that a prime important objective of our schools should be to adequately provide each student with the basic skills of reading, writing, oral communications, and basic mathematics. No citizen can function adequately without these skills.

In addition to its commitment to the teaching of basic skills, the Board in its educational philosophy and its statement of goals and objectives, has committed itself to developing in students the means for self-realization and self-expression; the ability to form positive human relationships; a positive attitude towards -- and fundamental skills to function within -- the world or work; a sense of civic responsibility; self-discipline; and an attitude towards learning that will recognize that education is a life-long process that does not end with formal education. To develop these skills and abilities the Board will encourage exposure to the fine arts, physical education, sciences, and social sciences.

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