

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Weston residents continue to support high educational standards for their community. The Weston Board of Education is committed to a program of studies designed to challenge the abilities of school-age children, so they will emerge from the Weston schools as mature, confident young people ready to assume the responsibilities of adulthood. Within budgetary limitations that are responsive to Weston taxpayer interests, the Board shall develop, implement, and audit programs to accomplish these educational goals.

Therefore, the school system shall provide a school program and learning environment that is committed to excellence and that will:

1. Stimulate the desire for learning in each student, encouraging individuality and creativity.
2. Expand the student's ability to think, to find and analyze information, and to make decisions.
3. Ensure each student's mastery of the basic skills: reading, written and oral communication, and mathematics.
4. Develop, to each student's full potential, the ability to explore knowledge, acquire skills, and express a thorough understanding of selected academic disciplines, including literature, mathematics, languages, sciences, and social studies.
5. Offer a curriculum that introduces students to new and emerging fields.
6. Encourage a continuing awareness of safety, physical fitness, health, and nutrition.
7. Inspire an appreciation of the arts, promoting study and encouraging participation.
8. Teach the principles of democracy and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
9. Create in each student an understanding and appreciation of our own culture and of other cultures of the world.
10. Foster positive self-images and offer opportunities for personal and social growth.

Goals/Objectives for Student

Educational Goals (continued)

11. Require students to respect the rights, property, and opinions of others.
12. Prepare the students to make post-secondary school choices that will fulfill their personal aspirations.

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Mission and FunctionGoals/Objectives for School Operations/System

Weston residents approach education with a strong belief in the importance of high educational standards for their community. As elected representatives, the Board of Education is committed to the support and development of a dynamic and flexible program of studies designed to effectively challenge the ability differences found among the school-age children of Weston.

Therefore, to meet its assigned tasks, the school system is striving -

1. To give each child a firm foundation and mastery of the basic skills in reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic so that he/she will have the necessary tools for further study.
2. To encourage the development of imaginative and creative thinking processes so that the children can deal with abstractions as well as concrete issues.
3. To foster scientific curiosity based upon an understanding of principles and concepts without de-emphasizing facts.
4. To stimulate an appreciation and understanding of the arts.
5. To develop in each child an understanding and appreciation of democracy so that he/she can take his/her rightful place in a democratic society.
6. To introduce the history of our culture and our social and economic institutions in relation to other world cultures and institutions.
7. To teach children about government - local, state, national, and international - so that they can assume their vital role as citizens on each level.
8. To develop in each child respect for the rights, property and opinions of others.
9. To instill in the students ethical and spiritual principles so that they will develop a good sense of values and have a firm foundation for reaching moral decisions.
10. To develop in each child an emotional stability that will enable him/her to function effectively.

Goals/Objectives for School Operations/System (continued)

11. To develop self-reliant, independent individuals who can work effectively with other people.
12. To teach children sound principles of health.

With these objectives in mind, the following summation may be interpreted as a beginning of an evolving statement of purposes for the Weston schools:

The guiding policy of the Board of Education is to create and sustain a public school system capable of developing to the utmost the resources of the children entrusted to it. The goal is to impart knowledge, and a love of knowledge; to teach each child to speak, to read, to write, to calculate, to think, and to do so with such initiative and imagination that each will be properly equipped to serve as a citizen of this community, this nation, this world, and to pursue self-education throughout life. To this end, the Board searches out principals and teachers who are imaginative, energetic, enthusiastic, as well as competent, and it strives to foster, in every way possible, an environment in which the children will thrive.

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