

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY/MISSION

As advocates for children, the Board recognizes that the thorough and efficient education of children is its primary statutory-based responsibility. To this end, the Board considers proper and adequate support of schools to be a civic responsibility shared by all citizens.

Education in MSAD #1 will empower students to reach their maximum potential utilizing their unique abilities and interests. This process will be a partnership involving the family, school, and community.

Students will:

- possess the tools to be lifelong learners.
- communicate effectively, intelligently, and responsibly.
- utilize critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- function in a technological society.
- experience, appreciate, and understand the arts.
- gain respect for self, peers, the global community, and the natural environment.
- develop a strong work ethic.
- maintain a balanced, healthy lifestyle.
- demonstrate productive and responsible citizenship.

**MISSION STATEMENT: MSAD #1: Educating tomorrow's leaders
... today.'**

In order to achieve our goals and to implement this philosophy, we believe that all schools must secure the involvement of the community, students, staff, parents and citizens. Educational responsibility must be shared with important community institutions. We strongly believe that our school system's success depends on good rapport and cooperation with our communities and its institutions.

Staff members, in order to effectively execute their responsibilities, will establish goals for themselves consistent with the philosophy of the Board and individual schools. Staff members will engage in a self-evaluation process for the purpose of self-improvement--the ultimate objective being an improved instructional program for all students.

The Board fully accepts the responsibility of formulating policies and acquiring adequate funding to support the education process. The Board will always consider the welfare of students as the single most important factor in making decisions relative to educational policy. It will be the responsibility of the Board and administrators to promote sound educational practices and professional development.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA, §§ 1001(1-A); 4511(3)(A)

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MSAD #1 Board of Directors
Presque Isle, ME