

## STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Coon Rapids-Bayard Community School District believes that all children are endowed with an intellect by which they can assimilate knowledge and seek truth and understanding, and that all children have emotional natures through which they can be motivated to high personal, social, and academic ideals.

In addition, the Coon Rapids-Bayard Community School District's primary goal is to assure that the students will be academically, socially, ethically, and culturally equipped to live, work, compete, and contribute as successful citizens in our democratic society and in the global community.

Recognizing that our students will need to be prepared to live in a global society and compete in an international marketplace, it is the responsibility of the school district to provide world-class instruction to the students through the development of a curriculum that:

- (1) emphasizes a strong core of academic disciplines central to the purpose of education and establishes academic expectations that are not only high, but attainable and worthwhile;
- (2) recognizes the need for awareness of and acceptance of global diversity and incorporates the teaching of social skills in order to promote understanding and tolerance among all people;
- (3) shares the belief that each student is a unique individual and that the curriculum shall provide the opportunity for and the expectation of a high level of learning for all students;
- (4) promotes life-long learning in an ever-changing global society; and
- (5) provides both a vocational and liberal arts education that maximizes individual self-fulfillment and encourages exploration of individual interests.

In establishing this philosophy of education, the Coon Rapids-Bayard Community School District is dedicated to excellence in faculty, staff, and curriculum and will maintain a supportive, helpful, and stimulating educational environment.

The district, through the use of its human, physical, and financial resources, is responsible for implementing the philosophy.

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