**Hancock Central School 0210**

**GOALS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

The Board of Education establishes the following goals and objectives for the district’s instructional program:

1. To insure a well-rounded curriculum in order to develop all facets of personality and character in each individual;
2. To ensure the maximum personal and educational development of each student;
3. To provide each student with the necessary skills and knowledge to help him/her become a useful member of the community;
4. To encourage a spirit of friendship, helpfulness and confidence among the administration, faculty, student body and community;
5. To encourage individuality, and therefore, establish an educational system that allows students to develop at their own rate, while providing for many successful experiences along the way;
6. To develop in each student a positive self-image within the scope of his/her own cultural background and within the larger context of the total society;
7. To ensure each student the acquisition of basic communication, computation and inquiry skills according to his/her level of ability;
8. To prepare an individual to become responsive to the needs of an ever changing social, economic and political environment within our community and the world;
9. To provide students with the opportunity to select and prepare for a career consistent with their capabilities, aptitude, desires and the needs of society;
10. To promote the acquisition of good health and safety habits and understanding of conditions necessary for physical and mental well-being; and
11. To provide learning experiences which will encourage teachers to continually re-evaluate, redefine and improve current educational practices, thus improving the quality of education.

In particular, the goals of the district instructional program will be to help each student to:

1. Read with comprehension;
2. Think critically and reason competently;
3. Communicate effectively through writing, speaking, observing, technical skills and listening;
4. Function creatively through cultural and literary activities;
5. Develop skills for vocational success;
6. Act with poise, self-confidence, and good physical coordination; and
7. Use mathematical skills.

Furthermore, the goals of the instructional program will be to assist each person to:

1. Appreciate and respect authority and the law within a democratic process;
2. Assume a fuller sense of responsibility for others and themselves;
3. Achieve satisfaction in working to accomplish worthy goals;
4. Encourage environmental and global concerns;
5. Exhibit fair play and good sportsmanship; and
6. Participate in family life and worthwhile leisure activities.

The district fully accepts the concept that learning is a lifelong process, and toward this end actively encourages people of all ages to participate in a wide range of activities.

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