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## **Philosophy of Education**

Formal education is a catalyst for developing educational excellence and lifelong learning in an individual. The educational community should value the personal development of the individual, and work together to establish practices, programs, and policies that further this value.

In addition to the core academic knowledge and skills necessary for lifelong learning the educational community should work to develop critical thinking and problem solving abilities in individuals. These skills will be developed using learning experiences, which are in line with the community goals and are guided by data driven decisions grounded in research proven instructional methods.

The educational community will model and foster mutual respect while promoting values such as: social responsibility, creativity, innovation, and application of learning to life experiences.