

# POLICY

2003

Goals &amp; Objectives

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## **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

The comprehensive goal of the Catskill Central School District is to provide all children with the opportunity to fully develop their academic and creative potential, and to assist them in becoming mature, humane, responsible and productive members of society. The Board of Education is dedicated to educating students to develop moral, ethical and cultural values.

The district's goal is also to stimulate and expand a continual learning process and to cultivate an understanding and appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of American citizens in order to enable students to function effectively as independent individuals in a democratic society.

The educational programs will provide each child with the fundamental academic skills and basic knowledge required for maximum educational development. Opportunities will exist for each child to develop his or her interests and abilities to the fullest extent according to the child's individual potential. The district will provide special services to promote the physical, mental, social and emotional development of each child. It is the district's goal to foster good work habits, integrity, self-discipline, good sportsmanship, self-confidence and a sense of purpose in all students. Extracurricular activities will be offered when possible to enhance the academic program.

The Board encourages community members to offer their expertise in helping to develop a school environment that is academically challenging, psychologically satisfying and socially fulfilling for students at all levels. The objectives of an educational program are best realized when mutual understanding, cooperation, and effective communications exist among the home, community and school.

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