

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY/MISSION

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As advocates for children, the RSU #78 Board recognizes that the thorough and efficient education of children is its primary statutory-based responsibility. To this end, the RSU #78 Board considers proper and adequate support of Rangeley Lakes Regional School to be a civic responsibility shared by all citizens.

The school will provide a personalized educational environment designed to encourage each student to acquire the necessary skills and perspectives needed for a meaningful life and career. The school will strive to encourage students to form desirable habits that are necessary for them to become responsible, informed, and involved citizens. Our goal is to have students develop those attitudes, skills and practices necessary for satisfying, worthwhile lives.

We believe that all children must be provided equal **but not** identical opportunities to allow them to achieve at levels commensurate with their abilities. We believe that all students must learn in an environment, which allows them to develop positive attitudes toward themselves and genuine respect for others.

A rigorous core curriculum designed to achieve specific learning outcomes will be provided to all students. It will be planned with the goal of not only creating and maintaining standards which will furnish all students with the skills necessary to be successful in a global society but also giving them a broad educational foundation compatible with their interests, aptitudes and aims. To achieve this end, the curriculum and graduation requirements will be regularly evaluated to ensure their continued appropriateness.

In order to achieve our goals and to implement this philosophy, we believe that all schools must work in partnership with the community, students, staff, parents and citizens. We strongly believe that our school system's success depends on good rapport and cooperation with our communities and its institutions.

The RSU #78 Board recognizes the professional staff as the body that is legally charged with the responsibility of providing education to all children. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Board charges the staff to ensure the following.

- An atmosphere of life-long learning to nurture the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of students towards realization of their individual potentials
- A curriculum that establishes high academic and social expectations which prepares students for life as responsible stewards in a rapidly changing global community.
- A learning environment built on rigor, equity and personalization.

The RSU #78 Board fully accepts the responsibility of formulating policies and acquiring adequate funding to support the education process. The RSU #78 Board will always consider the needs of students as the single most important factor in making decisions relative to educational **policy and funding**. It will be the responsibility of the Board and administrators to promote sound educational practices and professional development.

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