

**PHILOSOPHY OF THE NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Nowata Public Schools are dedicated to the proposition that the primary function of publicly supported schools in a free society is to maintain and promote the ideals of that society. Consequently, the general purpose of education to which we are committed is to prepare each individual so that he or she can participate constructively in the patterns of individual and group living consistent with his or her capacities or limitations. Ideally, we may accomplish this purpose by aiding the development of each student mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually, socially, and economically, while providing simultaneously the opportunity for each boy and girl to retain his or her individuality.

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Basic to the accomplishment of our educational goals are the following objectives:

1. To develop and maintain facilities which provide a continuously up-dated physical plant in which personnel may freely minister to the needs of the students.
2. To employ competent individuals at every level, from administrators through faculty members, and including non-professional personnel, all of whom must recognize the necessity of planning and coordinating the various aspects of the total education program and who must wholly dedicate themselves to the task of educating children.
3. To promote intellectual discipline by teaching each student how to reason and think for him or herself and to give him or her the opportunity to practice problem-solving in a variety of subjects and activities, thereby strengthening his or her reasoning ability.
4. To provide for the assimilation of knowledge and the development of skills in an every-increasing variety of subjects, with the concomitant practical application of those skills and knowledge to as many life situations as possible.
5. To provide counseling and guidance for each student not only by qualified guidance counselors but also by the individual teachers when the occasion demands it within their classrooms and activities.
6. To afford a curriculum wide enough in scope that it provides for the development of the basic skills of learning and communication, including reading, English, writing and the use of numbers and science. To provide exploratory experiences, preparatory courses for students planning to attend institutions of higher learning and programs of vocational preparation for the terminal students which will prepare them for earning a living in their choice of occupations.
7. To recognize the influential role of teachers in helping each of their students develop a personal moral behavior code which includes respect for law and order, obedience to established rules, regard for honesty and understanding of justice, a sympathetic concern for the welfare of others and love and loyalty for their country.
8. To prepare each student for a functional position in our society while providing him or her with the means of satisfying his or her personal aspirations for what he or she considers a good life.
9. To produce as well-rounded individuals as is possible by encouraging students' participation in activities which will develop and maintain their physical fitness, instill in them an appreciation and enjoyment of the fine arts, and provide them with a wide range of interests which will fill their leisure time with worthwhile as well as satisfying pursuits.
10. It shall be the intent of Nowata Public Schools to provide, as nearly as possible, equivalent services through all instructional levels K-12, and that these services will include personnel assignment and compensation, student-staff ratio, and provisions for curriculum materials and instructional supplies.