

PHILOSOPHY-GOALS-OBJECTIVES AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS**COMMUNITY****Multiculturalism**

The Board of Trustees affirms its responsibility to assume a leadership role in affecting community attitudes in relation to our society's needs. A vital part of this endeavor is the creation of a climate within the educational communities that enhances the dignity and importance of each individual. Equally important is the strengthening of steps that have been taken to promote a feeling of understanding, trust and acceptance among persons of differing races, colors, creeds and backgrounds.

The Board of Trustees is committed to an educational system that will prepare students to function effectively and cooperatively in a pluralistic society. The attainment of this goal results from efforts to provide an atmosphere that reflects:

- Respect for one's self and others, regardless of economic status, intellectual or physical ability, sex, age, race, color, religion, creed or ethnic origin;
- Respect of cultural differences;
- Respect for the economic, political and social rights of others;
- Respect for the rights of others to seek and maintain their own identities

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