

## PHILOSOPHY OF THE BROOKINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It is the philosophy of the Brookings Public Schools that the programs of education should be developed to address the following areas of educational need.

1. As a minimum, each student be equipped with the basic skills necessary to function effectively in our society.
2. To offer exposure to an instruction in activities which will stimulate the individual to develop a system of values and a philosophy of life that demonstrate moral, spiritual, and ethical principles.
3. To offer the opportunity to all students to be stimulated to they're maximum academic potential.
4. To teach the fundamental knowledge and basic skills for selecting a vocation and for helping attain satisfaction and success in a chosen work.
5. To offer instruction in consumerism and a basic understanding of our free enterprise system.
6. To encourage and develop immediate and life long habits of physical fitness and personal health.
7. To offer opportunity for all students to be exposed to, able to, and participate in activities and instruction which will fulfill their needs for aesthetic and cultural development.
8. To offer exposure to and instruction in activities which may lead to a wise use of leisure time.
9. To encourage cooperation between the home and the school and to do what is possible to strengthen the family unit.
10. To cultivate an attitude of learning how to learn and learning is a lifelong process.
11. To teach and advocate the basic tenants of democracy - a respect for the law, and orderly process of change, and a tolerance of others (accepting and living with each other).
12. To fill each classroom and each administrative post with the best qualified talent available.
13. To encourage and promote the continued professional development of the entire staff of the School District and its' Board of Education.

The mission of the Brookings School District is to insure that all students graduate with the knowledge and the skills for continuous development as productive global citizens through a partnership of school, family, and community in a dynamic, healthy environment.

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