

**BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
A 1: BOARD MISSION, BELIEFS AND PHILOSOPHY**

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MISSION

The Burlington Schools, in partnership with families and the community, will educate and inspire students to influence and shape the future.

BELIEFS

The Burlington Schools Mission is based on the following core beliefs:

- Everyone can learn;
- The learning environment should be safe, respectful, caring and attractive;
- Education is the responsibility of every individual in the community;
- Learning is a life-long process, everybody teaches, everybody learns;
- Each person is intrinsically valuable;
- Diversity is a strength of our community;
- Communication and access to information is essential to learning;
- Students learn in a variety of ways;
- Continuous improvement is the result of on-going review and evaluation, and the will to change;
- Investment in the education of our youth is vital to a healthy community.

PHILOSOPHY

In order to accomplish its stated mission, the Burlington Board of School Commissioners believes schools should:

1. Help students appreciate that life is a broad and continual learning process and that school is only one part of that process.
2. Encourage enthusiasm for learning by providing instruction, which is challenging and provides all students with opportunities for success.
3. Encourage intellectual curiosity, creativity, and independent thinking.
4. Provide a broad spectrum of educational opportunities.
5. Provide opportunities and encourage student technology.
6. Encourage students to set and achieve personal goals that help them reach their fullest potential.
7. Foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation.
8. Provide opportunities for students to accept responsibility and prepare for active citizenship as an adult in the community.

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