

## **INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS/PRIORITY OBJECTIVES**

The educational goals for the Dent-Phelps R-III School District focus on the student and address quality in education. The goals are relevant to the lives of students of any age, whether in formal institutions of learning, programs of continuing education or any learning environment. The goals adopted by the school district correspond closely to those that have been established for all Missouri schools by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The four categories of goals may be related to formalized school experiences or individual attainment. Regardless of the language, responsibility is placed upon both the school and the student. Appropriate outcomes necessitate that citizens, educators and especially the students make wise use of available resources. The goals are intertwined; no one goal stands apart from the rest. These goals help define performance objectives for students, identify tasks to be performed by teachers in giving life to those objectives, and help determine means for evaluating student progress.

### **Intellectual Development**

It is the goal of the district that each individual will have the opportunity to develop intellectual ability to developmental capacity. The development of intellectual ability should include the acquisition of knowledge as well as the creative ability to process and use that knowledge. To acquire the desired knowledge and fundamental intellectual processes, the Board of Education believes that each individual should become proficient in communication, quantitative thinking, social processes, scientific understanding, decision making and aesthetic appreciation.

### **Physical Development**

It is the goal of the district that each individual will have opportunity to develop knowledge, understanding and/or skills in the process of physical growth and maturation, health and recreation to the extent of developmental ability.

### **Social Development**

It is the goal of the district that each individual will have the opportunity to develop social skills to the extent of developmental ability. These skills should be related to the individual's physical and social environment, cultural awareness, governmental institutions, avocational pursuits, and concept of self.

### **Career Development**

It is the goal of the district that each individual be provided systematic and sequential activities at all levels to facilitate educational and occupational decision making appropriate to maturation. Career development should include all aspects necessary in developing a way of life. These activities should be related to the social significance of work, occupational exploration, occupational preparation and adult occupational education.

## Organization of Instruction

The organization of instruction is designed to meet the standards established by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

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