

## EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: **Mission Statement and Beliefs**

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Mission Statement

The Eastern School District is committed to excellence in education. In partnership with the community, we will provide a safe and caring learning environment in which all students have the opportunity to reach their potential and to face the future with confidence.

Beliefs

These beliefs are the expression of the Eastern School District's fundamental values.

- C We believe that all individuals have the capacity to learn.
- C We believe society benefits when people invest in education.
- C We believe that high self-esteem and a respect for others are essential to successful teaching and learning.
- C We believe in the unique dignity and worth of every human being.
- C We believe that students are the centre of the educational system.
- C We believe that the education process is a partnership of the entire community, including family, community groups and business.
- C We believe that caring individuals nurture a healthy society.
- C We believe in equitable access to learning opportunities.
- C We believe all adults have a responsibility to be advocates for children.
- C We believe that safe, healthy, attractive environments enhance working and learning.
- C We believe that the quality of life depends on how we manage change, and that the educational process should prepare students to live with and effect change.
- C We believe that learning is a personal, lifelong experience.
- C We believe that all individuals have power to positively influence their future.
- C We believe that individuals are responsible and accountable for their actions and decisions.

- C We believe that the educational program should provide each student the best opportunity to learn, to develop personally and to experience success.
- C We believe that all District staff should be exemplary professionals.

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