

CCP 1030 GENERAL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

A philosophy of general education addresses both a present reality and a future hope. The reality encompasses the practical elements that a well-educated student should grasp early in education. The future hope will serve as a foundation to achieve insights into ethical problems and engage in lifelong learning, the hallmarks of educational excellence.

General Education:

- Provides skills and proficiencies needed to succeed in an academic environment as well as in our continually changing world.
- Exposes students to core knowledge, concepts, and methodologies of the Arts, Humanities, Ethnic Studies, and the Natural and Social Sciences.
- Develops students' appreciation for the cultures and history of the United States and prepares them to participate in our democracy.
- Familiarizes students with a diversity of viewpoints by exposing them to the history and cultures of other countries.
- Advances students' critical thinking skills, enabling them to access, examine, and assess issues and information.
- Hones students' reading, speaking, and writing skills, enabling them to communicate clearly, effectively, and creatively.
- Promotes the development of students' quantitative competencies, to strengthen analytical thinking, and gain the ability to evaluate and access informational technology.
- Increases students' understanding of the physical and biological sciences, the scientific method, and the reliability and limitations of scientific knowledge.

- Deepens students' awareness about the importance of self-care and wellness and teaches methods for maintaining physical and mental health.
- Encourages students to cultivate new interests and develop their abilities to search for answers, recognizing that an educated person understands how much more there is to learn.

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