

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mendocino County Office of Education provides educational leadership, resources and services to schools to ensure an array of educational opportunities for all students through collaborative efforts with our communities and agencies.

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The County Superintendent and the County Board of Education believe that public education is of fundamental importance to a free society and for education to succeed, there must be an ongoing partnership between parents/guardians, students, educators and the community.

To guide the efforts of those participating under the leadership of the County Superintendent, the County Board adopts the following three definitions for the development of sound and responsible educational policies:

Educational Philosophy: "Philosophy" means a composite statement of the relationship between the individual and society based upon beliefs, concepts and attitudes from which the goals and objectives of the County Office of Education are derived and which work to maintain the growth of American democracy.

Educational Goals: "Goal" means a statement of broad direction or intent which is general and timeless and is not concerned with a particular achievement within a specified time period.

Objectives: "Objective" means a specific accomplishment to be reached that can be verified within a given time and under specifiable conditions which, if attained, advances the agency toward a corresponding goal.

Within this framework, the purpose of the County Office of Education is to provide the guidance and resources necessary to ensure an environment conducive to learning for school districts and students in Mendocino County.

The County Board and County Superintendent accept as their responsibility providing support and services to individual school districts in meeting their educational goals. The County Board and County Superintendent will also provide for the needs of children and adults who are best served through the operation of County Office of Education educational programs.

The County Superintendent and the County Board strive to promote and support a variety of school programs so that each student in the County may be offered an appropriate education of the highest quality achievable within the limitations of available resources.

As elected lay educators, the County Board oversees the implementation of state and local regulations and policies for the County Office of Education and districts within its jurisdiction.

The County Superintendent and the County Board shall collaborate with each other and respect each other's roles in the proper functioning of the County Office of Education.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1040 et seq. Duties and powers of boards

1080 et seq. Duties of county superintendents

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

51019 Definition: Philosophy

51020 Definition: Goals

51021 Definition: Objective

51052 Duty of county board to prescribe and enforce course of study for mentally retarded pupils

51053 Course of study prescribed by city or county board; development of courses

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