

INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The mission of Topeka Public Schools is to:

- Engage Students in the highest quality learning**
- Prepare students for responsible, productive citizenship**
- Inspire excellence for a lifetime.**

To achieve these ends, the educational program of the district shall be academically rigorous, performance-oriented and research-based. The educational program shall foster the intellectual development, physical development, and social development of all students. Systematic and sequential activities should be provided at all levels to facilitate educational and career decision making appropriate to student developmental levels. The educational program shall endeavor to meet the academic, vocational, physical and aesthetic needs of our diverse student population.

All students shall have an equitable opportunity to pursue and acquire knowledge and to master the educational program's objectives. Multicultural approaches shall be incorporated into the educational program, including approaches and materials that foster knowledge of and respect for the historical and contemporary contributions of diverse cultural groups, including those based on race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion and socioeconomic background.