

1001 – Educational Mission and Goals

Purpose

1. Consistent with Upshur County Schools' philosophy of education and the state goals for public education adopted by the West Virginia State Board of Education, the Upshur County Board of Education recognizes the need to proactively plan and prepare for the current and future educational needs of the children of Upshur County. Goal setting is not a static process. Educational goals must always be subject to continued evaluation and improvement, and if the goals are to be successfully achieved, there must be communication and cooperation among educators, parents, students, legislators, school board members, and other stakeholders concerned with education in Upshur County.

Upshur County Schools will provide leadership for continuous school and school system improvement, planning and implementation.

2. Vision Statement

- 2.1. The vision of Upshur County Schools is that all children shall be successfully educated to prepare them to be our communities' and nation's citizens, parents, and leaders for the next generation and beyond. Schools shall develop a comprehensive and balanced curriculum, with engaging instruction and student access to advanced learning technologies, a rich library collection of books, and other information resources for success in the arts, sciences, humanities, and technical instruction.

3. Belief Statements

- 3.1. Upshur County Schools Firmly Believe:

- 3.1.1. every student is capable of learning and experiencing success.
- 3.1.2. all students deserve exceptional staff members who care passionately about their responsibilities and our students.
- 3.1.3. we have an obligation to challenge all students to meet higher standards than his/her current level.
- 3.1.4. that all students deserve a quality education in preparation for their future.
- 3.1.5. all students deserve to learn in a respectful, caring atmosphere within a safe, student-centered learning environment
- 3.1.6. it is the mutual responsibility of students, staff, parents, and community members to be committed to and accountable for student learning.

4. Mission Statement

- 4.1. The Mission of the Upshur County Schools is to provide academic preparation; social responsibility; employability; and a desire of lifelong learning.

5. Responsibility

- 5.1. The Upshur County Board of Education has adopted and prioritized the following goals for public education in West Virginia:
 - 5.1.1. All students will meet or exceed state, national and international curriculum standards that incorporate the acquisition of skills necessary for success in life through engaging opportunities in the arts, world languages, health, physical education, and career/technical education as well as the core subjects of reading/English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

- 5.1.2. All students will develop the personal skills and dispositions of wellness, responsibility, cultural awareness, self-direction, ethical character and good citizenship in an environment that is caring and safe.
- 5.1.3. The Board of Education will foster effective communications and relationships with and among our community.
- 5.1.4. The Board of Education will provide financial resources and services in order to support the goals and purpose of Upshur County Schools.

6. Authority

6.1 Source: State Board of Education

Legal Reference: WV Code §18-1-4, §18-2E-5; WV State Board Policy 2320, 2510

7. Adopted

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