

SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Santa Barbara Unified School District, in partnership with parents and the community, will provide professional instruction and guidance so that students will...

- Achieve academic excellence,
- Understand and respect diversity,
- Balance individual interests and civic responsibilities,
- Participate in an increasingly technological society, and,
- Take responsibility for their own learning and development.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Santa Barbara Unified School District, to promote a school environment free from the action having the effect directly or indirectly of discrimination on the basis of race, color, ancestry, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, religious creed, physical handicap (including AIDS), medical condition (cancer related), age (over 40), or political affiliation. Any act deemed discriminatory by a student, employee or other citizen should be immediately reported to school officials for investigation and appropriate action.

SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara Unified School District to provide a free and appropriate public education to each handicapped student within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature of severity of the handicap.

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of either the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided appropriate educational programs and services. The Districts further intend to ensure that no student is denied equal access or participation in any district or school-sponsored program or activity solely on the basis of a handicap.

Due process rights of handicapped students and their parents will be enforced.