

Banks School District 13

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The People and Their School District

The public schools belong to the people. The people govern the schools under rights guaranteed to them by the Constitution and statutes of our state. The people exercise their proprietorship through the elective process. They elect state and federal representatives who establish — through the legislature and the congress — the framework of law within which the schools operate. And the people elect a school board to represent them and to determine local educational goals and objectives. The Banks Board of Education functions as an agency of the public within this framework.

The people are the ultimate governors of public education and the Board is directly accountable to the people through the elective process. The Board shares that accountability with students, teachers and other employees, the superintendent of schools and the people themselves. The Board therefore asserts these beliefs and expectations:

- Students will be trained at home and by the schools to learn to hold themselves accountable for their own lives, actions and decisions as maturing members of a democratic society;
- Teachers will hold students accountable for achieving (according to each student's abilities) the objectives of each learning experience;
- The superintendent will hold teachers and other employees accountable for working with diligent effort, with intelligence and imagination and as role models in achieving the objectives directly related to their stated job responsibilities;
- The Board will hold the superintendent accountable for providing creative professional leadership and counsel in all aspects of the school district program;
- The Board will hold itself accountable for carrying out its mandate to plan, to make policy and to lead in the identification of goals and objectives and resources necessary for their achievement;
- The public will maintain a vigorous interest in, concern for and constructive criticism of the schools; for electing the most able men and women available to represent them on the Board of Education and in the state legislature and U.S. Congress; and for providing the resources necessary for the Board and staff to accomplish the publicly-endorsed goals and objectives of the school district.

END OF POLICY

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