

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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Ownership of the Johnston Community School District resides with each and every citizen who lives within the district. In recognition of this mutual investment, we commit ourselves to developing and expanding a robust array of community education services and programs, which will reflect and respond to the needs and desires of all ages, abilities, and incomes. Uniting all elements of the community is a cornerstone of our Community Education program. Needs-assessments and responsive program development, as well as an organizational structure that reflects all stakeholders in the community, will enable us to build a Community Education program that is rich in content, readily accessed, widely used, and ever-evolving as the needs of both the community and School District change over time.

The School Board affirms a strong commitment to the Community Education program and seeks to provide educational opportunities to young children and their parents, as well as recreational and educational programs for youth and adults in the District. The School Board welcomes, and strongly encourages, use of school buildings and activity areas by the community when not used for regularly scheduled PK-12 school programs.

The Administration should strive to accomplish the following objectives:

- Should stress education as a life long process.
- Maximum use should be made of public school facilities within the District's service area.
- Educational needs and interests of area residents should be determined periodically in order to drive program and service decisions.
- Community resources and expertise of residents should be utilized to develop a vibrant, well-rounded Community Education program.
- Collaboration with personnel whose primary responsibilities are in the K-12 program and integration of services with those elements will occur.
- Build strong community/School District relationships.
- Assist in developing interagency coordination and cooperation.
- Involve members of the community in evaluating and creating program and service opportunities.

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