

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS

The Oklahoma Constitution and Oklahoma law provides this school district with the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes by the legally designated name and style of Independent School District Number 128 of Beaver County, Turpin, Oklahoma. The district may sue and be sued, and is capable of contracting and being contracted with, and holding such real and personal property which may come into its possession as authorized by law.

The official name shall be Turpin Independent School District Number 128.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-105
Laws, 1949, Article 4, Section 5; Laws, 1959, p. 321, Section 4; Oklahoma Constitution, Article 17, Section 2

Philosophy of Turpin Public Schools

The Turpin Board of Education and the faculty of the Turpin Public Schools, believing that a clear statement of the purposes and responsibilities of our school system will enable us to train our young people more adequately, do adopt this basic philosophy for the Turpin Public Schools:

We believe that the main purpose of the public schools is to develop the moral and aesthetic values that will make for a fuller, more useful and satisfying life.

We believe that all children have the right to an education limited only by the child's abilities and ambitions.

We believe that school should be a pleasant place to go, and that children respond better to kind, considerate treatment than to autocratic orders from the top.

We believe that the school should give every assistance possible to each student in analyzing his or her aptitudes, abilities, and adjustments to changing society.

We believe that education includes the development of appreciation, attitudes, ideals, and habits as well as the acquiring of knowledge and skills.

We believe that the school must provide organized experiences, planned cooperatively by teachers and students for the purpose of training students for effective citizenship in a democratic society. These experiences should demonstrate that democracy imposes responsibilities as well as rights and privileges. To be a desirable citizen, any individual must be healthy, happy, courteous, sympathetic, patriotic, a good leader or follower, and engaged in a useful occupation from which he or she receives an adequate income for a normal livelihood.

Statement of Philosophy as Published in the Student Handbook

We believe that the true foundation of education rests in the basic principles set forth in this country's constitution, in its priceless documents of freedom, and in the fundamental principle of the inherent worth and dignity of the individual.

We believe that it is the responsibility of the educator to recognize this promise and to perpetuate the philosophy and the ideals which is presupposed.

We believe that it is the purpose of education to guide the individual to a clear understanding of his/her place in society, and that through education the individual may become spiritually, physically, intellectually, and emotionally whole.

We believe that it is the purpose of education to present an organized effort to promote good will and understanding among all people, that equal educational opportunities for all citizens is their inherent right, and that proper moral standards must be maintained.

We believe that the teaching of "Freedom Is Not Free" is fundamental to the survival of our democracy.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

The Turpin Board of Education establishes the following philosophy of education for the public schools in this district:

1. The goals and objectives of education are to assist all students to develop a way of life that will provide personal satisfaction and allow them to be productive citizens.
2. The board believes that the individual student should be the focal point of education.
3. The board believes that the influence of teacher personality on student personality is the most important factor in the educational process.
4. The board believes that the function of the school is to provide an environment in which the student is exposed to learning experiences that contribute to proper development of the student as an individual and as a member of society.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The general objectives of the faculty of Turpin Public Schools are as follows:

To provide a competent staff qualified by professional training and distinguished by personal integrity.

To develop in students the ability and desire to use their own initiative and natural abilities to think critically, to evaluate thoughtfully, and act intelligently.

To motivate students toward worthy vocations suited to each student's interests, abilities, and ambitions, and to help students become good managers of time and resources.

To provide the opportunity for students to practice active citizenship and social adjustment in a supervised situation.

To help students, through their own efforts, to achieve their personal maximum, to gain personal satisfaction in as many aspects of life as possible, and to make a personal contribution to society.

To build and enlarge the foundation of ethical character in all students.

To challenge students mentally, morally, and physically, and to help guide them toward self-determination in meeting challenges.

To encourage students to cultivate a deep regard for democracy and an intelligent appreciation for democratic institutions, and to help students understand that freedom is based upon individual responsibility.

To help students develop a sense of self-worth, respect for others, and a desire for learning which will remain with them throughout life.

To help students care about personal health and safety, to learn proper use of leisure time, and to help them understand family living.