English / Language Arts Philosophy

We feel it is essential for our students to develop skills that enable them to be lifelong learners. Communication skills, that is, the ability to read, write, speak, listen, view critically, and use technology, are of the utmost importance. We recognize the need for continuous development of these skills to be necessary for individual growth and success. Our first obligation is to ensure that our students develop their language skills to their full potential. We organize our classes in a manner that strives to meet the individual needs of each student. New programs have been implemented at the district and school levels to help ensure that our students meet this goal.

The teaching of values is one of the underlying purposes for studying literature. It is one of the many responsibilities of public education to produce students who are, at the very least, aware of the values that are the foundation of our society. We feel that students must have developed communication skills in order to fully comprehend, evaluate, and express these values.

In order for students to benefit from their education, they must be capable of understanding that their world goes beyond the limit of their own environment. It is our goal to make sure that they have the skills that enable them to make sound judgments about whatever it is that they encounter. The ability to do so is based upon a continual learning process, which has as its foundation the ability to analyze various forms of communication and to arrive at valid conclusions based upon that analysis.

We realize that our students arrive with a unique set of personal experiences that not only impact how they view the world, but also impact how they will analyze it. It is our goal to expand those experiences and hone those analytical skills so that all of our students can reach their full potential and experience success.