

## STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The following mission statement, vision statement, and belief statements comprise an overall philosophy of education in the School District of Milton.

### Mission - Why We Exist

Preparing students for academic achievement and life success

### Vision - What We Want To Be

Our students become responsible, compassionate citizens empowered with the character, knowledge, and skills to make a difference in this world

### Belief Statements - How We Do Business

#### Making Decisions

We believe that decisions should be made in the best interests of all students and their families in the School District of Milton.

#### Safe Learning Environment

We believe that providing a safe learning environment, free from verbal or physical threats and attacks, is critical to the well-being of our students.

#### Shared Responsibility

We believe that education is the shared responsibility of the individual, family, peer group, school, community, business, and society.

#### Rights and Responsibilities

We believe that we must set standards of honesty, integrity, dignity, respect, and honor; however, people are ultimately responsible for their own behavior.

#### Comprehensive Education

We believe in providing classroom curriculum and instruction, along with co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities, that help students grow into well-rounded people.

#### Effective Employees

We believe that every adult in the school environment impacts students' success, making recruitment, staff development, and retention of effective employees a priority.

#### Fiscal Responsibility

We believe in maintaining fiscal responsibility to our district residents by operating within our budget, planning for the future, and using available resources effectively.

#### Commitment and Perseverance

We believe in modeling and instilling that achievement requires dedication and education; setbacks are part of the learning process; setting goals brings results; involvement is a choice and a responsibility; and perseverance reaps rewards.