

## **SECTION C PHILOSOPHY**

The educational system of Sioux Valley belongs to the community, not to the faculty, the administration or the board of education. It is the responsibility of these three groups to serve the community to the best of their combined abilities.

Education is learning to live. It should involve the entire being and should promote the physical, mental, and social welfare of the pupil. School personnel should realize that all pupils are not equally capable but that every child should be given a chance to develop to the extent to which he/she is capable.

The most important single factor in the learning process is the teacher. The personality, skills, and ability of the classroom teacher are vital to effective education.

If education consists in learning to live, then the subject matter and activities of the school curriculum should meet present day needs. Schools should develop in the students "the desire to learn."

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To develop an individual who will help create a better world.
2. To create an atmosphere of education.
3. To provide materials and personnel to realize personal growth of all students.
4. To develop skills, habits, and attitudes that will lead to worthy use of leisure time.
5. To provide academic opportunities and vocational knowledge and skills for all students.
6. To prepare the individual to inquire, to evaluate, to understand and to enjoy life.
7. To provide the opportunities for the development of physical, mental, moral, and spiritual health.

The Sioux Valley Education Association, herein referred to as the "association," and the Sioux Valley Board of Education, herein referred to as the "board," recognize that the ultimate aim of the Sioux Valley School System is to provide the best educational opportunities for the children and youth of the district.

The association and the board recognize that the attainment of the educational objectives of the district requires mutual understanding and cooperation of the board, the administrative staff and the professional teaching personnel. To this end, free and open exchange of views is desired and necessary.

The association and the board recognize that teaching is a profession requiring specialized qualifications and that the success of the educational program depends upon the utilization of the abilities of teachers who are satisfied with the conditions under which their services are rendered. The board is willing to continually work with staff to adequately provide tutorial assistance in a manner that is fair and provides the greatest benefit to the students. To this end, let us strive toward utmost cooperation, communication, and understanding among all parties involved in the educational process in the Sioux Valley School System for the benefit of all persons of the district.