

## Todd County School District Policy: AD

### EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY/SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION

#### Our Mission

Todd County Schools--in partnership with community, tribe and other educational entities--are committed to providing our students with quality preparation that will empower them to succeed academically, socially/emotionally, culturally and spiritually in an ever changing world.

#### Our Vision

*Empowering all students in their success.*

#### Our Guiding Principles

1. Knowing the children we teach – individually, culturally, and developmentally – honors and values our own cultures and those of others. We recognize that many cultures including indigenous,youth, and contemporary Western culture impact the development of identity.
2. Knowing the families of the children we teach is as important as knowing the children we teach.
3. The social and emotional curriculum is as important as the academic curriculum in preparing students for a self-sufficient future.
4. How children learn is as important as what they learn. Great cognitive growth occurs through social interaction.
5. How we, the adults at school, work together is as important as our individual competence: Lasting change for the betterment of all, begins with the adult community.

\* Adapted for Todd County from Responsive Classroom and NACA Core Values

#### Our Values

Woksape (Wisdom)  
Wacantognaka (Generosity)  
Woohitka (Courage)  
Wowancintanka (Fortitude)

## **Our Goals**

### **Partnerships**

Todd County Schools will partner with parent, community, and key educational agencies to develop united approaches to education.

### **Academic**

All students will make at least one year's growth in literacy and math.

All students will have the necessary skills to successfully graduate high school.

### **Social/Emotional**

All students will learn a set of social and emotional skills.

### **Cultural**

All students will understand, honor and value their own culture, history, language and traditions and those of other cultures.

### **Spiritual**

All students will find meaning and purpose in their own life. They will know who they are, where they are going, where they want to be and how they are going to get there.

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