

1 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian

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3 EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

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5 Series 100

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7 Policy Title Mission Statement - Statement of Philosophy

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10 MISSION STATEMENT

11 The mission of Joint School District No. 2 is to prepare today's students for tomorrow's
12 challenges.

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14 VISION

15 We see a school district in which all students receive a quality education emphasizing
16 skills, knowledge, and character development that enable them to reach their potential
17 and become contributing members of society. Our schools will produce responsible,
18 productive students capable of adapting to a changing, diverse world.

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20 We see a school district in which all employees continue to improve their skills,
21 knowledge, and procedures to meet the needs of all learners. We will provide an
22 environment that dignifies the individual, focuses on rigorous and relevant instruction,
23 and encourages continuous improvement. We will work as a team to establish a safe,
24 clean, inviting atmosphere within facilities that are conducive to quality education.

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26 We see a community of well-informed citizens who support educational excellence and
27 work in partnership with the school community to achieve quality educational results for
28 all students.

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30 OBJECTIVES

31 We will:

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- 33 • Increase achievement for all students
 - 34 • Increase accountability, responsibility, and character development
 - 35 • Increase customer/stakeholder satisfaction

36 BELIEFS

37 We believe that:

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- 39 • Our children are our community's most valuable asset.
 - 40 • A relevant, meaningful, rigorous curriculum should guide instruction to ensure all
41 students show measurable progress and reach their optimum potential.
 - 42 • Students, parents, teachers and the community are partners in the education
43 process.
 - 44 • Education should give students the skills and knowledge to become lifelong
45 learners and successful, contributing members of society.
 - 46 • Education should reinforce work ethics and character development.
 - 47 • Everyone in the school community deserves dignity and respect and should be
48 valued as an individual.
 - 49 • Education is an on-going process that requires continuous evaluation and
50 responsible change.
 - Schools should provide a climate that is safe, clean, and inviting.

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- Quality teachers are a key to student achievement.
- Professional development is a key component of educational quality. An effective professional development program is an ongoing process requiring short and long range planning using needs assessment, goal-setting, and summative assessments.
- Technology is an important tool to deliver instruction and information to students, parents, staff and the community and its use should be maximized in educational settings.

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