

GOALS FOR EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS

1. **PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL-WELL-BEING:** Education should contribute to the learner's physical and emotional well-being and development, in a positive environment that fosters self-esteem.
2. **COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Education should develop in each learner the reading, writing, listening, speaking, and computational skills necessary for effective communication, as well as the ability to think clearly and critically.
3. **CITIZENSHIP IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY:** Education should provide each learner with knowledge and understanding of how our society functions, and foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
4. **VALUES AND MUTUAL RESPECT:** Education should expand and advance the humane dimensions of all learners, by helping them to cultivate basic shared values and fostering mutual respect.
5. **ARTS APPRECIATION AND CREATIVITY:** Education should provide each learner with a broad range of opportunities to understand and appreciate the arts, to discover and develop talents and interests, and to be creative through various media.
6. **UNDERSTANDING HISTORY AND THE HUMANITIES:** Education should provide each learner with knowledge and understanding of history, the humanities, and our multicultural heritage.
7. **UNDERSTANDING MATHEMATICS AND THE SCIENCES:** Education should provide each learner with knowledge and understanding of mathematics and the sciences, encouraging exploration and discovery as well as the acquisition of facts.
8. **OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCE:** Education should provide each learner with the academic and vocational skills necessary for employment and continuing education, opportunities for career exploration and occupational guidance, and productive work habits that will enhance the capacity to adapt to changing conditions.
9. **CAPACITY AND DESIRE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING:** Education should foster and stimulate the natural desire for lifelong learning, and should help learners develop the skills necessary to reach personal goals.

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