

# Philosophy, Beliefs, Mission Statement

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Cottonwood High School plays a major role in preparing our students for a productive life where they can make positive social, moral, and aesthetic contributions to society. The philosophy of Cottonwood High School is based on responsibility.

Cottonwood High School has three basic behavioral expectations of its students:

1. Attend all classes to which they are assigned
2. Complete assignments and other classroom requirements
3. Respect people and property

The goal of education is to foster independent thinkers who are inquisitive, logical, and critical and to develop students who are decision makers and problem solvers. It is our resolve to:

- Increase student work ethic and raise the level of achievement
- Provide students with opportunities to enhance future educational and career choices.
- Integrate the learning process for students and help them discover application in real life.
- Emphasize responsibility, respect, and cooperation among members of the Cottonwood Community.
- Increase professional awareness of and means of addressing diverse student populations.
- Evaluate and adjust methods and practice.
- Increase teacher collaboration, professional learning, peer coaching, and research of new ideas.
- Increase staff and community involvement in the decision-making process of the school.
- Increase parental involvement in student education.
- Analyze data, review information, and address discrepant achievement to insure student success.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Students Prepared for The World**