BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD POLICY REVISION FOR 2020-2021

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_____ NEW POLICY _Beth Thompson; School Improvement Specialist_ _

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CURRENT POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: __3.0_____

NAME OF POLICY: __Philosophy and Mission_____

PARAGRAPH NUMBER IF PARTIAL REVISION:_____ADDITIONAL _____

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Blount County Board of Education is to create lifelong learners by providing quality education and meeting the needs of all students.

The Board recognizes that no one philosophy of education can express the sentiments or beliefs of all teaching personnel. Generally, however, education is perceived as a process of growth and includes the mental, moral, emotional, physical, social and spiritual aspects of the individual. Each child is seen as a unique person who possesses certain potentials, needs, aspirations and interests. As each pupil is different, it is the purpose of education to provide him with different experiences in school which will enable him to achieve his maximum potential so that he may be a useful and productive member of society.

It is understood that though all children will not learn all things equally well, all should have an equal opportunity in the pursuit of education; thus, the Board will attempt to balance its program to provide for the varied interests and needs of the pupils of the schools.

The Board accepts the conclusion that the education of children is a comprehensive program which must be undertaken in cooperation with other institutions of society and will seek to establish and maintain strong ties with parents and community programs. (Added June 12, 2009) (Revised May 1, 1989) (Added August 6, 1984)

NEW OR REVISED POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: __3.0_____

POLICY TITLE (IF NEW POLICY): _____

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3.0 Philosophy, Mission, and Vision.

The mission of the Blount County Board of Education is: *Build. Create. Succeed.* Specifically, our vision is to **B**uild Partnerships, **C**reate Opportunities, and prepare students to **S**ucceed in life.

Blount County Schools' students, faculty, and staff believe that:

- Education is a partnership among schools, families, and communities.
- Our schools should be safe and positive learning environments.
- Quality instruction provides students the opportunity to learn.
- Students should be actively engaged in the learning process.
- Education should lead students to set goals, develop a vision for their future, and become productive citizens.
- We must respond to identified needs for improvement.

Our belief statement reflects our philosophy and was generated by surveying over 2500 people within the Blount County Schools family. Overwhelmingly, education is perceived as a growth process which includes the mental, moral, emotional, physical, social and spiritual aspects of every learner. Students are recognized as possessing unique potential, needs, aspirations, and interests. It is the purpose of education to provide experiences which will enable each learner to achieve their maximum potential becoming a useful and productive member of society.