



# NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

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## **SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

### **STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

New Trier's Mission, Motto and Belief Statements are an expression of the District's identity, purpose, and means of action:

New Trier's highest aspirations are epitomized in its motto: "to commit minds to inquiry, hearts to compassion, and lives to the service of humanity." The school dedicates itself to inspiring students, staff, and the community to achieve this motto.

New Trier understands "inquiry" to include rigorous academic, artistic, co-curricular, and athletic programs which nurture students' skills and talents and which develop a life-long love for learning. These programs should also foster in students a respect for hard work and an appreciation for diversity within the student body.

New Trier understands "compassion" to include educating students, staff, and the community to respect the feelings, thoughts, and values of others and to interact accordingly with everyone in our school, community, state, country, and world.

New Trier understands "service" to include modeling by students, staff, and the community our lifetime commitment to serving society and the greater world through our individual ethics and actions and through responsible participation in the wider community.

As the New Trier community responds to the present and anticipates and influences the future, it rededicates itself to the goals of inquiry, compassion, and service.

The following Belief Statements are an expression of the District's fundamental values, its ethical code, overriding convictions, and inviolable commitments.

*We believe that...*

- Every human being is unique, has worth, and deserves respect.
- Diversity enriches the individual, school, and community.
- Each and every person can learn.
- Individuals are responsible and accountable for their actions.

- Education is a shared responsibility among the student, family, school, and community.
- Emotional, physical, and social well-being enhance learning and life.
- Integrity, civility, and fairness are vital to healthy human interaction.
- The pursuit of excellence in education justifies the investment of time, effort, and resources.
- Each individual has the responsibility to contribute to others, society, and the environment.
- The courage to take risks and the willingness to learn from mistakes offer opportunities for growth.
- Lifelong learning contributes to a meaningful life.

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