

# *A Vision for the Future*

## *Board of Education Key Ends Statement*

*Adopted April 18, 2006*

### ***Students will acquire the educational foundation needed to lead meaningful and productive lives.***

- 1.0 Douglas County School District students acquire the knowledge and abilities to be responsible citizens who contribute to our society.
- 1.1 Students are able to think critically, using reason and logic when facing decisions about what to believe or do. Students will:
  - Identify alternatives
  - Consider creative solutions
  - Marshal relevant evidence
  - Judge the credibility of sources
  - Analyze and synthesize credible evidence
  - Define terms in their appropriate context
  - Identify and evaluate assumptions, reasons and conclusions
  - Ask appropriate clarifying questions
  - Develop and defend a well-reasoned position
  - Construct appropriate tests or experiments
  - Draw conclusions that are justified
- 1.2 Students embrace universal ethical principles such as honesty, integrity and justice.
  - Students demonstrate behavior that respects the rule of law.
  - Students demonstrate altruistic responsibility to their family, fellow citizens and global community
  - Students Critically evaluate short- and long-term consequences when making personal free-will choices
- 1.3 Students demonstrate the self-motivation and resourcefulness to continue their learning.
- 1.4 Students apply what they have learned. They go beyond merely knowing to using their knowledge and skills productively.
- 1.5 Students develop and demonstrate Leadership skills. They are influential in creating a vision of what the future can be.
- 1.6 Students take ownership and accept responsibility for their wellbeing. Students have the knowledge, skills, and ability to make educated choices concerning their social, emotional, and physical health. Students demonstrate:
  - acceptable social interactions based upon respect for self, others, and property
  - positive self-esteem through achievement
  - proper nutrition, exercise, and healthy physical development.