

Lewis Elementary Value Statements

Values are who we are, not who we would like to be, and not who we think we should be. It is who we are in our lives right now. Values serve as a compass pointing out to us what it means to be true to oneself (Whitworth, 1998).

We value:

- the importance of every child regardless of cultural and racial heritage
- the important role of parents' rights in their child's education
- the importance of the community and church in fostering the development of positive manners in every child
- the individuality in every child
- our profession
- the importance of honest communication with parents, teachers, administrators, and school board
- the collective knowledge, wisdom, and expertise of colleagues
- the small gains as well as the quantum leaps of students
- a tranquil atmosphere throughout the school
- the proud/smiling face of a student after a standard has been met with success
- the importance of helping students make a connection with learning and real world experiences
- the role of providing students with the knowledge and skills to become a positive contributor to the global community
- the school as an integral part of the community
- the challenge of teaching students to think critically
- the right of every child to receive a quality education and an adequate amount of time during the school day to plan
- education as a branch upon which we can grab hold and begin to grow