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## Special Education Philosophy

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Grant Parish School Board believes that all students are entitled to an educational program which will promote optimal development in keeping with their capacities. This implies an awareness of individual differences in students and also diversified programs which will provide opportunity for each child to achieve to his potential - mentally, socially and spiritually. We believe that effort should be directed to the end that each individual will become an effective member of our American democratic society.

We believe that all students have individual needs. The goal of the Grant Parish School Board shall be to provide services to students whose educational needs require modifications of instructional media to meet those needs.

While the basic goal of the program is remediating the educational problems of exceptional students, the development of a positive self-image is central to all therapy.

Finally, *Grant Parish School Board* subscribes to the *Code of Ethics of the Special Education Profession* adopted by the *Council of Exceptional Children (CEC)* at the *CEC's 61st Annual Convention in April 1983*.

*(See Appendix A: Professional Standards in Special Education)*