

**EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**  
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Since the underlying aim of education in a free society is the fullest possible development of the individual, all individuals, we believe that the Lapwai educational system should strive to help all students develop:

1. A positive self image in order to relate better to their roles in the home, school and community.
2. An understanding and appreciation of persons belonging to social, cultural and ethnic groups different from their own. This appreciation and understanding of various races, religions, social backgrounds, etc., should never detract from the importance of one's own heritage and background.
3. To the fullest extent possible for them, mastery of the basic skills in the use of words and numbers, generally speaking, but specifically related to communication, computational and problem-solving skills, as well as learning facts.
4. A positive attitude toward the learning process (at home and school for now and the future).
5. The good habits and positive attitudes associated with responsible citizenship, understanding also the privileges of citizenship, the concern for human rights and welfare, acceptable knowledge of morality and self-conduct and specially the respect for authority.
6. Good health habits and an understanding of the conditions necessary for the maintaining of physical and emotional well-being.
7. An understanding of parental and adult responsibilities related to family care, social responsibilities and civic duties, as well as a knowledge of worldwide problems (famines, war, plagues, etc.) thereby gaining a fuller appreciation of their country and a greater empathy for all people and all countries.
8. Opportunities to participate in extra curricular situations in which the development of pupil initiative is encouraged and recreational activities and interests are formed.
9. The opportunity and encouragement to be creative.
10. An understanding and appreciation as much as they can of human achievement in physical sciences, the natural sciences, the social sciences, the humanities and the arts.
11. An understanding of the opportunities open to them (career awareness) for preparing themselves for a productive life and instill in them the confidence to take full advantage of these opportunities.
12. The background to prepare for a world of rapid change and unforeseeable demands in which continuing education throughout their adult lives should be a normal expectation.

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13. The necessary background to continue academic or vocational pursuits at a further educational level necessary to secure a station in the work world or armed forces.

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