

The Poplar Schools 9&9B Board of Education understands our intended role of guiding the entire district through meaningful, thoughtful, and purposeful actions. To that end, we uphold our elected responsibilities in fulfilling our requirements of governing through policy, providing a philosophy of operation for the district, and establishing goals for the improvement of the district. This document sets forth the Operating Principles for the Poplar Schools.

Purpose- Why we exist.

- 🎯 Our purpose is to develop productive citizens.

Direction- Where we are going.

- 🎯 We want each and every student to achieve academic and life success by personalizing the learning process.
 - **Each and Every Student:** Reach every student by working with each individual, one-by-one.
 - **Academic Success:** Improve achievement for all students, close achievement gaps, and provide accelerated learning options.
 - **Life Success:** Prepare every student to contribute to their community as a competent, confident, and caring citizen.
 - **Personalizing Learning:** Provide flexible and adaptive pathways to meet students' needs.

Values- How we will behave.

- 🎯 **Student-Centered:** Center everything we do on the student and student learning.
- 🎯 **Culturally Responsive Learning:** Include the heritage of all students.
- 🎯 **Respect:** Embody respect for the diversity and dignity of all.
- 🎯 **Integrity:** Be transparent, trustworthy and professional.
- 🎯 **High Expectations:** Maintain high expectations and educational opportunities to inspire higher achievement.
- 🎯 **Safe Environment:** Provide a safe learning environment.
- 🎯 **Collaboration:** Engage with students, families, staff, and community to support student success.
- 🎯 **Innovation:** Be creative and adaptive to student needs.