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The District

2 **BP 1300 Educational Philosophy**

3 **References:**

4 No specific references

5 The educational philosophy of Palomar College is based upon belief in the value of the
6 individual and belief in the individual's potential for intellectual, ethical, personal, and
7 social growth. Only through growth in these areas and responsible examination of the
8 question of personal rights can the rights of an individual in a democratic society be fully
9 understood.

10 The fundamental assumption of the democratic way of life is the intrinsic worth of the
11 individual. This assumption, therefore, becomes the fundamental principle of public
12 education in a democratic community.

13 In order to become an effective member of a democratic society, an individual must take
14 part in a free exchange of ideas. Only within a free society is the individual assured this
15 free exchange of ideas and the maximum freedom of choice and opportunity for self-
16 realization consistent with the freedoms and opportunities of others. Only within a free
17 society can the human personality attain its greatest stature.

18 The community college, by providing equal opportunities for individuals to develop their
19 differing abilities and interests, enables students to realize more fully their potentials.
20 Thus, their talents become more readily available to the community, and their
21 participation in society becomes more effective.