

THE DISTRICT**BP 1300 EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY****References:**

No specific references

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

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

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

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

In keeping with this educational philosophy, Palomar Community College District declares itself a safe haven for learning and reaffirms its unequivocal support of all students regardless of race, religion, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, family structure, or gender identity.