**COMPUTER LITERACY**

The goal of teaching all students to be literate in the field of computer education is established for the District. Computer literacy is defined as that collection of skills, knowledge, values, and relationships that allows a person to function comfortably as a productive citizen of a computer-oriented society.

Achievement of the goal of teaching computer literacy to all students is expected to be accomplished over a number of years in a planned and systematic program. Continuous evaluation of progress toward this goal is to be conducted by the Superintendent or designee and District staff.

The program of instruction in computer literacy requires attention to the following components:

1. Curriculum: Objectives for instruction will be designed to promote sequential learning awareness, theory, and applications of computers.

2. Hardware: Specifications for selection will be designed to ensure durable, functional, and updated equipment.

3. Software: Programs for use in computers, whether commercial or locally developed, will be selected and shared within the District to promote maximum learning.

4. Staff Development: Encouragement will be afforded all certificated and classified employees involved in instruction of students to gain training in awareness, theory, and applications of computers.

5. Providing Resources and Funding: Commitment of District resources is required for the development of the computer literacy program. It is expected that general funds will be committed to this program, as well as special public and private funding.