

# DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

## DAYS CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL

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### EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The Board believes:

1. The cornerstone of a free society is the education of its people;
2. We must live with and respect different cultures of the world;
3. Each person is unique and should be treated with respect and dignity;
4. The community and the family must share the responsibility of education with the schools;
5. The schools should be a safe, warm learning environment;
6. All students can learn if given the opportunity and have the desire to learn;
7. We must promote in our students that:
  - a. We have responsibilities for the global environment;
  - b. Learning is a lifelong process;
  - c. We must develop health and safety habits;
  - d. We must be responsible for our decisions and actions;
  - e. We need to develop an aesthetic appreciation of the world;
  - f. We have citizenship responsibilities in our society.

### MISSION

The Days Creek Charter School mission is to provide an outstanding 21st Century education in a small, rural school environment that fosters life-long learners, responsible citizens, and fulfilled potential.

We envision a school characterized by:

- Rigorous academics
- An enriched program of electives
- Practical application of skills through on and off-site learning activities
- Preparation for postsecondary education and/or career development including skills of initiative and independence
- Mentorship of a caring and supportive faculty
- Curriculum options with a focus on natural resources
- Service to the community

### CORE BELIEFS

We believe **student learning** is the number one priority of schools and is a shared obligation of educators, students, parents, and community. We believe student learning needs to be informed by multiple data measures and motivated by co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

We believe **effective educators** are intrinsically motivated, relationship focused, data driven individuals, who lead by example and know their students and value their unique stories.

We believe **teacher leadership** is goal-oriented with a willingness to serve others and a desire to understand purpose beyond self.

We believe **professional learning** must be relevant, timely, ongoing, and focused in order to be meaningful to educators and to improve student learning.

### PRIORITIES

Attendance | Attitude | Academics | Athletics | Activities



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3. Academics
4. Athletics
5. Activities

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