

Introduction

Mission of the University School:

To maintain the unique component of IUP teacher preparation programs and to directly serve as a facilitating agent for school reform and development in the public sector, the following proposal is forwarded for the consideration of the Teacher Education Coordinating Council, the Senate Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum Committee, APSCUF and the University President. It is intended through this program to utilize the laboratory school facility as a center for partnership development, a model of exemplary educational practice, and a ground for experimentation, refinement, and the validation of new ideas.

Appropriateness to Mission:

The mission of the University School is to serve as an exemplary model of theory-based curriculum and instruction in daily practice, and to facilitate research. The University School faculty seek to provide a quality educational environment serving as a resource laboratory for:

- graduate and undergraduate university students preparing for careers as professional educators;
- University faculty members conducting research;
- University faculty members involved in pre-service and graduate clinical experiences;
- public school teachers and administrators requesting assistance in staff and curriculum development; and
- the professional education community-at-large through dissemination, including presentations and publications.

The University School faculty are committed to and actively engaged in professional development and collaboration in roles as educators, scholars, mentors, coordinators, consultants, and presenters.

The University School mission parallels the mission of the State System of Higher Education as well as the University's mission in many areas. In essence, both focus on career preparation and student success, cultural appreciation, and the pursuit of scholarship and service.

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PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION OF THE SCHOOL

The University School at IUP is one of approximately 100 Laboratory Schools found on college and university campuses across the United States. Currently, the IUP University School has the distinction of serving as the national headquarters for the National Association of Laboratory Schools.

The University School at IUP has a mission that is different from that of a regular public school. The mission has remained basically the same since the school was first opened in 1875 in John Sutton Hall when IUP was Indiana Normal School. The following is the current mission statement under which the school operates.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University School at Indiana University of Pennsylvania is to serve as an exemplary model of theory-based curriculum and instruction in daily practice, and to facilitate educational research. The University School Faculty work collaboratively to combine their knowledge and specialized talents to design and/or implement innovative educational programs which are piloted, refined, and disseminated. The School serves a heterogeneous population of regular and special needs students, kindergarten to grade six. The Faculty of the University School strive to prepare these students to respond effectively to change, to achieve a self-directed, life-long learning orientation, and to become productive members of an ever changing, global society. The University School Faculty seek to provide a quality educational environment serving as a resource laboratory for:

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