

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Policy Manual

CHAPTER I - DOCTRINE

SECTION 20: EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY*

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EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Community colleges are the embodiment of the nation's democratic ideal of opportunity for all and are dedicated to the belief that free citizens succeed through access, effort, and ability. Flathead Valley Community College fulfills that democratic ideal of opportunity through a philosophy of providing open-door admissions, education in the local community at a reasonable cost, continued assistance and guidance to students, and commitment to the comprehensive community college concept.

Flathead Valley Community College, as an integral part of the community it serves, works as a partner with government, business, industry and other educational providers to promote economic, cultural and social development.

The Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees is committed to bringing together the resources necessary to implement these ideals for the people of Flathead and Lincoln Counties and northwestern Montana.

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