We Believe

Safety ... Education ... Communication... Success
... Self Esteem ... Service ... Shared Responsibility

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The mission of the Illinois School for the Deaf is to educate students who are deaf and hard of hearing to become responsible, self-supporting citizens.
We believe in providing a safe, healthy, and respectful learning, living, and work environment.
We believe each student has unique educational and developmental needs documented in their Individual Education Plan used to guide their educational programming.
We believe all forms of communication and technology for deaf and hard of hearing students should be respected.
We believe an instructional program for deaf and hard of hearing students is most effective when guided by the Seven Principles for Student Success. (Freeman & Freeman, 1998)
We believe all students need a supportive and caring atmosphere in order to develop positive self-esteem and skills necessary to be successful in an ever-changing world.
We believe in serving the community as an informational resource in current trends and research in the field of deaf education and American Sign Language.
We believe education is the shared responsibility of the parents, students, school and residential personnel, and the community.
Seven Principles of Student Success

♦ Learning goes from whole to part.
♦ Experiences should be learner-centered.
♦ Experiences should have meaning and purpose for learners now.
♦ Learning takes place in social interaction.
♦ Experiences should develop both ASL and English.
♦ Experiences should support students’ first languages and cultures.
♦ Faith in the learner expands student potential.