

**1B1 Educational Philosophy** (*Renumbered June 10, 1999*)

**1B1A** The concept, *only the educated are free*, embodies the philosophy that education should liberate the mind by extending its vision of opportunity, by severing the bonds of prejudice, and by broadening horizons of learning. This pursuit of freedom and search for truth through learning is a privilege to be enjoyed by all who are prepared to undertake the quest with genuine seriousness of purpose. Accordingly, the Colleges of the District provide the youth and adults attending them a program of studies and activities leading to:

**1B1A1** Responsible Citizenship--The campuses seek to emphasize in their training for citizenship those elements which give strength and vitality to the concepts of a free and responsible citizen in a free and productive society.

**1B1A2** Occupational Competence--The campuses offer preparation for occupational competence on two (2) levels: for the student whose training will be completed at the College and for the student who will complete training at a four-year (4-year) college/university or specialized vocational school.

**1B1A3** Enriched Personal Living--Since the individual lives not only as a citizen and worker, but also as a person, each College helps the student to extend knowledge of himself/herself, physical environment, and cultural heritage; to formulate goals and values compatible with the student's own abilities and to value creative experience as a means of self-realization.