Draft Ministerial Order on Student Learning

Education in Alberta is characterized by the values of equality of opportunity, fairness, strong work ethic, respect for diversity, and citizenship. Students will understand the rights and benefits of democratic citizenship, their societal, community, and family responsibilities and obligations. Students will explore career passions and life opportunities; and recognize the dignity of work, and their own value and potential.

Vision for Student Learning

Students gain the knowledge, skills, and competencies to form the foundations for successful and fulfilling lives and make meaningful contributions to their communities and the world.

Foundations for Learning

Literacy and numeracy are the foundational building blocks of learning, and shall be pervasive across all subjects and grades. Demonstrating ability and confidence in multiple literacies enables students to apply their learning and make sense of the complex and changing world. These foundations build a core of knowledge that enables students to demonstrate the capacity to solve problems, think critically, and manage the information that surrounds them, as they become engaged citizens in our democratic Canadian society.

Outcomes for Learning

Knowledge Development
Students demonstrate mastery in both the depth and breadth of key subject-specific content and concepts that are essential for life. They demonstrate critical thinking skills required to engage in and help shape a complex and changing world. Students develop their creativity by exploring new ideas, questioning assumptions, and applying their learning in a variety of life and career situations.

Character Development
Students demonstrate a strong sense of self and integrity through the application of their knowledge, skills, and competencies. They demonstrate resilience in the face of challenge, approach the world with curiosity, act responsibly, with respect and exercise good judgement. Students take responsibility for their personal health and well-being and demonstrating empathy, concern and support for others as they build healthy relationships.
Community Engagement
Students demonstrate an understanding of the needs, beliefs, and expectations of their communities. They recognize the impact of their actions and demonstrate an understanding of democratic rights and values as well as the social and organizational skills required for civic engagement. Students demonstrate an understanding of economic development and innovation, recognizing the responsibility we share for environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Students demonstrate respect for all aspects of diversity as they participate and collaborate in a democratic society. They understand the importance of world histories and the contributions of previous generations. All children in Alberta shall see themselves and their unique family and community identities in the curriculum. Students demonstrate an understanding of the history, contributions, and current perspectives of Indigenous peoples in Canada including Treaty Rights.