600.1 Guiding Principles for Educational Programming in Schools

Policy

District schools shall offer a broad base of educational programs that provide well-rounded learning opportunities within the guidelines of provincial regulations and District policies.

Regulations

1. Courses shall be based on Alberta Education programs of study and/or approved locally developed courses.

2. Programming shall be offered such that students have an opportunity to progress through grade levels so as to achieve provincial graduation requirements, to be prepared for entry into the workforce, or to pursue studies at the post-secondary level.

3. Schools shall embrace a philosophy of inclusive education within which they shall endeavor to create a student-focused learning environment which is, as much as possible, responsive to the specific needs and abilities of each student.

4. Programs will facilitate the development of students who are engaged, ethical and entrepreneurial.

5. Schools shall promote positive social/emotional growth of students by implementing a program or thematic focus that may include but is not limited to one or more of the following:
   a. Character education
   b. Citizenship
   c. Health and wellness
   d. Lifelong learning
   e. Global awareness and internationalizing schools
   f. Decision-making
   g. Leadership
   h. Problem solving
   i. Conflict resolution

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

References

Alberta School Act: Preamble, 16.1, 43.1, 60