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608.3 Learning Commons

Policy

All District schools shall operate a learning commons to support students in attaining the competencies as stated in the *Ministerial Order on Student Learning*.

Regulations

1. The learning commons shall reflect the following elements:
 - 1.1. is a common, or shared, learning “space” that is both physical and virtual;
 - 1.2. supports a student-centred approach that emphasizes active and collaborative engagement and encourages the co-creation of knowledge by all learners;
 - 1.3. provides flexible space, physical and/or virtual, for instruction, social/collaborative learning, and production and presentation;
 - 1.4. promotes global and cultural understanding as students collaborate with their local and broader community to investigate and create solutions to complex problems;
 - 1.5. promotes effective use of technology for creating and sharing knowledge; and
 - 1.6. enables 24/7 virtual access to resources and shared collaborative space.
2. Each school shall designate one or more staff members to be the learning commons facilitator(s). The learning commons facilitator(s) shall be trained in learning commons philosophy and practices.
3. Each school shall allocate funds for the acquisition of resources for the learning commons.
4. Resources available through the learning commons shall be appropriate, current and maintained in good repair.

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

References

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| District Policies: | 607.4 Responsible Use of Technology |
| Other: | Alberta Education Guide to Education, ECS to Grade 12
Lethbridge School District No. 51 Learning Commons Handbook
Ministerial Order on Student Learning (May 6, 2013), Alberta
Education Learning Commons Guideline (2014) |