

Policy 1

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Education, in its role as governor and advocate for public education in our community, has developed the district's core values and beliefs, vision, philosophy and mission to ensure students achieve their fullest potential. The guiding principles are meant to serve as lenses which will guide the decisions and actions of every person in our district.

Our Core Values

The Saanich School District has five interrelated core values that provide the foundation for our actions and decisions:

- Compassion: Being empathetic and helpful
- Fairness: Being just and equitable
- Honesty: Being truthful, open and sincere
- Responsibility: Being transparent, answerable and accountable
- Respect: Being considerate and receptive

Our Beliefs

The Board of Education, on behalf of and based on consultation with the broader community, is committed to acting on the following beliefs:

- Public education is fundamental to our democratic society and provides equity and equality of opportunity for all children
- Public schools have the responsibility to prepare young people to be active, participatory members of the community who contribute to a healthy, diverse, socially responsible and environmentally sustainable society
- Public education is the responsibility of the whole community. Policy decisions made locally by elected boards of education and provincially by government must reflect the values and aspirations of a democratic society
- Healthy relationships are the foundation of a successful public education system

Vision

Our vision is one of:

- A society that is inclusive, honouring and respectful
- A public education system that is responsive, relevant and resourced
- Education and society that operate in a pervasive partnership
- Learning experiences that create success for each child and constant learning for all
- Learning environments that are innovative, and that are built from strength

Philosophy

Public education is fundamental to our democratic society and is a key institution which provides for the equality of opportunity for all citizens. Public education shares responsibility with parents for preparing our young people as citizens contributing to a cohesive, socially responsible society.

Mission

We are committed to:

- Preparing of our young people to realize their potential as educated, responsible citizens prepared to make quality choices and positive contributions in a democratic society;
- Helping students develop skill at learning, confidence in their ability to learn and attitudes that encourage life-long learning;
- Supporting the achievements of all students.

Strategic Plan Themes

- ~~1. Strategic Plan Theme 1 (Focus): Student Success~~
 - ~~Goal 1.1: Academic Achievement and Social Responsibility~~
 - ~~Goal 1.2: Engagement and Personalization~~
 - ~~Goal 1.3: Modern Practices, Ingenuity and Innovation~~
 - ~~Goal 1.4: Equity for Students~~
- ~~2. Strategic Plan Theme 2 (Support): Diversity and Inclusion~~
 - ~~Goal 2.1: Support for Indigenous Learners~~
 - ~~Goal 2.2: Support for Vulnerable or Unique Learners~~
 - ~~Goal 2.3: Culture of Diversity and Inclusion~~
- ~~3. Strategic Plan Theme 3 (Support): Relationships and Partnerships~~
 - ~~Goal 3.1: Parent Involvement~~
 - ~~Goal 3.2: Partnerships~~
 - ~~Goal 3.3: Community Engagement~~
 - ~~Goal 3.4: Relationships and Culture~~
- ~~4. Strategic Plan Theme 4 (Support): Operational Excellence~~
 - ~~Goal 4.1: Human Resources~~
 - ~~Goal 4.2: Facilities~~
 - ~~Goal 4.3: Finance~~
 - ~~Goal 4.4: Technology~~
 - ~~Goal 4.5: Board of Education~~

Board of Education Goals

Public education is fundamental to a democratic society and is key to providing equality of opportunity for all children. Educational decision-making in School District 63 (Saanich) is guided by the principles of active learning and the values of compassion, fairness, honesty, responsibility and respect.

The Board of Education's goals are:

- To build broad community support for public education and to advocate for adequate funding and decision making by elected public representatives.
- To prepare learners to be active citizens in building a society that is cohesive, socially responsible and environmentally sustainable.

- To recognize the importance of learners' achievements in a wide range of intellectual, aesthetic and physical domains, and to support their growth in emotional and physical well-being, and social responsibility.
- To support flexible and relevant learning experiences.
- To improve opportunities for early learners and to improve adult literacy.
- To demonstrate and foster strong, positive relationships among adults and with learners and to ensure that their voices are heard and respected.
- To ensure that the school district's capital assets are used to support educational needs and/or for public community uses.

The Logo Design and Use



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Description

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Legal Name

Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich)

Operational Name

Saanich School District or Saanich Schools

Legal Reference: Sections 65, 75, 85 School Act