



Our Mandate:

Through the School Act, the Minister of Education has vested in the Board of Education the power and authority to govern the School District. Accordingly, the mandate of the Board of Education is to provide appropriate learning opportunities within the context of the Board of Education's Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Priorities.

Vision:

Preparing today's learners for tomorrow's world...

Mission:

The Qualicum School District is a dynamic, flexible learning community that:

- Provides personalized educational experiences that complement traditional disciplines and structures to honour the unique needs, strengths, interests and learning styles of our students
- Maintains a learning environment that fosters the development of empathy, respect and social responsibility in our learners through strong partnerships between home, school and the broader community
- Embraces a spirit of curiosity and a passion for lifelong learning that prepares our students and challenges them to become informed, confident, and creative designers of their own future

Values:

In the Qualicum School District, we value:

- Diversity, choice and flexibility in educational programming and structures
- Experiential learning that builds relevant skills, knowledge and competencies
- Personalization of learning based on an understanding of the unique needs, strengths and passions of each student
- Educating the whole child – heart, body and mind
- Social responsibility and environmental sustainability
- A collaborative mindset and the time for meaningful, focused collaboration
- Innovation as a means of ensuring that we respond and adapt to a changing world and new understandings
- Use of technology to empower teaching and learning
- Our connections with a supportive community
- Recognition and celebration of success, effort and accomplishment



Guiding Principles for Organizational Decision-making:

- Meeting the needs of the learners must be our primary focus
- The foundation of organizational health and success is trust relationships – we commit to clear, open communication that builds personal and public confidence in the work we do with and for our learners
- Parents and the broader community are our partners in education - we must ensure that they are given meaningful roles in helping to shape the educational experience provided to students
- People are the most valuable asset in our organization - we invest in this asset when we provide opportunities for them to further their own knowledge, skills and competencies in deep, purposeful and relevant ways
- Stewardship of the public investment in education in our community is crucial – this requires an unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility and allocation of resources based on identified needs and strategic priorities
- Leadership is most powerful when responsibility and accountability are spread across the system at all levels – we expect everyone in our district to demonstrate a commitment to system change and improvement
- We care deeply about the results of our work - that is evident when we seek to access and use credible information to develop plans, to measure progress and to inform decision-making

Strategic Priorities:

- Increasing the engagement of our learners by providing more personalized educational experiences
- Responding to the diverse social/emotional needs of our learners in ways that increase their chances of success
- Ensuring that the structures that shape and support learning are flexible and responsive to the needs of learners
- Integrating technology effectively in order to broaden and deepen learning for all students