
MULTICULTURALISM

Background

Cultural diversity is a valued aspect of Canadian society and multiculturalism is an interdisciplinary process designed to foster the development of cultural understanding. Division schools are encouraged to provide learning experiences whereby all students have opportunities to develop pride in their cultural heritage, self-esteem and understanding of Canada's culture.

Procedures

1. Programs of instruction will acknowledge that ethnic and cultural diversity are valued aspects of Canadian society.
2. Opportunities will be provided for students to learn attitudes and skills that will enable them to succeed in the larger Canadian and global community.
3. Programs that present opportunities for children to learn about their own heritage and to develop positive attitudes toward Canada's multicultural society will be provided.
4. The curriculum will reflect the contribution of all cultural groups to Canadian history, literature and life.
5. Principals will encourage the recognition and celebration of multicultural special days and holidays as an integral part of the curriculum.

Reference: Education Act
Alberta Bill of Rights
Alberta Human Rights Act
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Constitution Act, 1982
Canadian Multiculturalism Act
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12

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