

POLICY 320 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) recognizes its obligation, consistent with the School Act and relevant provincial legislation, to provide an educational program for all students. The Board will endeavor to provide instructional programs that promote student learning through excellence in curriculum and instruction.

The Board acknowledges its responsibility in meeting the diverse learning needs of all students through inclusive and responsive educational programs that respect and recognize the value of diversity and provide equity of access, opportunity, and achievement for each learner.

The Board is committed to addressing issues regarding Indigenous Education as identified in the Call to Action #63 for Education as outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission:

- i. Developing and implementing Kindergarten to Grade Twelve curriculum and learning resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canadian history, and the history and legacy of residential schools.*
- ii. Sharing information and best practices on teaching curriculum related to residential schools and Aboriginal history.*
- iii. Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect*
- iv. Identifying teacher-training (professional learning) needs relating to the above.*

While recognizing that schools can and do regularly draw upon the rich offerings of provincially authorized courses, the Board of Education supports curricular choices and flexible learning opportunities for students. This range of learning opportunities is extended greatly with locally developed courses and by supporting independent directed studies.

The Board of Education further recognizes that learning can occur outside the walls of traditional schools, and that this learning maybe recognized for credit towards graduation.