

POLICY 1 – DIVISION FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

VISION

The vision for Prairie Land Public School Division is captured in its motto: “**Small schools preparing students for big futures.**”

MISSION

Each student will be provided intentionally designed learning through innovative practices while celebrating diversity and developing strong relationships that ensure student achievement and foster the growth of well-adjusted citizens.

VALUES

Prairie Land Public School Division is guided by values that shape how we lead, learn, and work together in service of students and communities.

At Prairie Land Public School Division:

- We value **trust** by acting with integrity, transparency, and honesty in authentic relationships and decision-making.
- We value **respect** by listening to diverse perspectives and ensuring safe and caring environments that foster respectful and responsible behaviours and actions.
- We value **well-being** by supporting the holistic health of staff and students, recognizing that learning and success are strongest when people feel supported and valued.
- We value **community** by recognizing the unique strengths of our schools and the communities they serve, and by working in partnership to enrich learning and strengthen shared ownership of public education.
- We value **excellence** by committing to high-quality, academically challenging teaching and learning, intellectual integrity, essential knowledge, effective use of learning environments and technology, and continuous improvement that supports student achievement, growth and success.
- We value **accountability** through responsible stewardship of resources by using evidence-informed practice to ensure that our decisions and actions serve the best interests of staff, students, families, and communities.

BELIEFS

Prairie Land’s beliefs are grounded in our four focal points: Teaching and Learning, Culture and Wellness, Innovation and Opportunity, and Engagement and Community. These beliefs guide our decisions and actions in support of student success, responsible school cultures, and future readiness.

The following statements guide our decisions and actions in support of learning across Prairie Land schools:

- Every student deserves high-quality, academically challenging and purposeful learning that develops essential knowledge and skills and is supported by exceptional staff.
- Learning is strengthened by a wide range of perspectives and ideas that foster critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, understanding and respect for others.
- Learning is strongest when staff and students feel safe, valued, healthy and connected in safe and caring environments that foster respectful and responsible behaviours and support well-being.
- Authentic relationships, meaningful voice, and shared responsibility strengthen engagement, respect, and positive school culture.
- Innovation, creativity and responsible risk-taking expand opportunities and ensure learning remains relevant, responsive and future-focused while maintaining intellectual integrity, impartiality and alignment with provincial requirements.
- Strong partnerships between parents, families, schools and communities, including meaningful parental involvement in student learning, enrich learning, strengthen pathways and support student success.
- Student success is achieved by balancing academic excellence with the emotional, physical, social, and creative development of the whole child.

Prairie Land's strategic direction will be advanced in a manner consistent with the Education Act, provincial strategic priorities and other applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.

Legal References: Sections 11, 16, 18, 18.01, 31, 32, 33, 34, 63 and 67, Education Act
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