



ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

Excellence in Education

Excellence is defined as the quality or state of being that is outstanding and superior. It is also defined as a feature or respect in which somebody or something is outstanding and superior. Therefore, these are the definitions we use as a Division to define “Excellence in Education”, and we continually measure our educational work against them.

It is in this context that we work to improve student learning. For example, it is imperative that all students are literate by the end of grade three, because children that learn to read are able to read to learn. It is equally important for students to understand all the concepts they will need in life as they relate to numeracy. Students with solid numeracy and literacy skills help bring us closer to achieving excellence in education.

Literacy and numeracy are paramount in their importance to education, but there are other skills that children need to be ready for the world. The Twenty First Century workplace will make many demands on our young people. We must help them to develop skills of collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and creativity if they are to succeed. Students must leave our system with the skills and desire to be life-long learners.

Excellence in education requires that we be student centered, and where the needs of our students come first. Excellence also demands the success of all learners and students must be provided with appropriate education based on their abilities. This will require us to provide them with a great many learning experiences beyond the classroom that involve technology, field trips, vocational courses, volunteerism, apprenticeship opportunities, student voice and government to name a few. We will graduate citizens who will enrich our world.

Excellence is not limited to what we do for our students. It must also apply to our employees. Professional development opportunities that are based in current research are supported so that our staff is well prepared for their duties and responsibilities. Our children must have the very best, and to that end our teachers require training that goes beyond the normal opportunities. As well, throughout the division there needs to be a level of accountability to ensure we are all doing our best. Our commitment to our students, work, and colleagues is a very important aspect of success, and in supporting that, there will be regular evaluations based on personal and professional growth.

Rolling River School Division cannot rest on past accomplishments and accolades; rather these are stepping stones; they are measurements by which we define our future.