

K-12 School Effectiveness Framework

A support for school improvement and student success

Assessment for, as and of Learning

- 1.1 Assessment is connected to the curriculum, collaboratively developed by educators and used to inform next steps in learning and instruction.
- 1.2 A variety of relevant and meaningful assessment data is used by students and educators to continuously monitor learning, to inform instruction and determine next steps.
- 1.3 Students and educators build a common understanding of what students are learning by identifying, sharing, and clarifying the learning goals and success criteria.
- 1.4 During learning, timely, ongoing, descriptive feedback about student progress is provided based on student actions and co-constructed success criteria.
- 1.5 Students are explicitly taught and regularly use self-assessment skills to monitor, improve and communicate their learning within the context of the Ontario curriculum and/or Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- 1.6 Assessment of learning provides relevant and meaningful evidence to evaluate the quality of student achievement at or near the end of a cycle of learning and to determine next steps.
- 1.7 Ongoing communication about learning is in place to allow students, educators and parents to monitor and support student learning.

School and Classroom Leadership

- 2.1 Collaborative instructional leadership builds capacity to strengthen and enhance teaching and learning.
- 2.2 Processes and practices are designed to deepen understanding of the curriculum and refine instruction to improve student learning and achievement.
- 2.3 Organizational structures are coherent, flexible and respond to the needs of students.
- 2.4 Job-embedded and inquiry-based professional learning builds capacity, informs instructional practice and contributes to a culture of learning.
- 2.5 Staff, students, parents and school community promote and sustain student wellbeing and positive student behaviour in a safe, accepting, inclusive and healthy learning environment.

Student Engagement

- 3.1 The teaching and learning environment is inclusive, promotes the intellectual engagement of all students and reflects individual student strengths, needs, learning preferences and cultural perspectives.
- 3.2 Students' stated priorities that reflect the diversity, needs and interests of the student population are embedded in School Improvement Plans (SIPs).
- 3.3 Students are partners in dialogue and discussions to inform programs and activities in the classroom and school that represent the diversity, needs and interests of the student population.
- 3.4 Students demonstrate a wide range of transferable skills such as teamwork, advocacy, leadership and global citizenship.

Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

- 4.1 A culture of high expectations supports the belief that all students can learn, progress and achieve.
- 4.2 A clear emphasis on high levels of achievement in literacy and numeracy is evident throughout the school.
- 4.3 Teaching and learning in the 21st Century is collaborative, innovative and creative within a global context.
- 4.4 Learning is deepened through authentic, relevant and meaningful student inquiry.
- 4.5 Instruction and assessment are differentiated in response to student strengths, needs and prior learning.
- 4.6 Resources for students are relevant, current, accessible, inclusive and monitored for bias.
- 4.7 Timely and tiered interventions, supported by a team approach, respond to individual student learning needs, and well-being.

Pathways Planning and Programming

- 5.1 Comprehensive education and career/life planning programs meet the learning needs, interests and aspirations of all students.
- 5.2 Opportunities for authentic learning experiences and experiential learning exist in all classrooms, schools and community programs.
- 5.3 Students, parents, families, and educators understand the full range of pathways, programs, options and supports that are available.
- 5.4 Students build on in-school and out-of-school experiences to further explore and reflect upon their interests, strengths, skills and education and career/life aspirations.

Home, School and Community Partnerships

- 6.1 The School Council has a meaningful role in supporting learning, well-being and achievement for students.
- 6.2 Students, parents and community members are engaged and welcomed as respected, valued partners in student learning.
- 6.3 The school and community build partnerships to enhance learning opportunities and well-being for students.
- 6.4 Learning opportunities, resources and supports are provided to help parents support student learning and have productive ongoing parent/teacher-student conversations.

