

WESTGLEN SCHOOL

Educating the hearts and minds of middle school children

MISSION STATEMENT

Westglen will encourage life long learning and responsible citizenship by providing children with varied educational opportunities in a safe and caring environment.

WESTGLEN VISION STATEMENT

Students, staff and community members have all agreed that Westglen School must mirror exceptional middle school practices. Westglen School must share a common vision of what an exemplary middle school personifies. We must be willing to strive to achieve and maintain high standards in a number of relevant areas.

WESTGLEN SCHOOL WILL ENSURE:

I. the Curriculum

- a. reflects the outcomes laid out in the Alberta Learning Program of Studies.
- b. challenges all students academically at their individual levels.
- c. recognizes and provides for individual differences in learning ability and style.
- d. stimulates and motivates the active participation of all students.
- e. integrates technology appropriately.
- f. provides additional programs that offer all students opportunities to explore new areas, pursue interests and identify aptitudes.

II. Individual Student Needs are provided by

- a. all members of our learning community making an effort to communicate and demonstrate concern for each student.
- b. appropriate academic support through planning, assessment, and instruction that take into account multiple learning styles and individual needs and abilities.
- c. appropriate emotional and behavioral support.
- d. support for students as they make the transition from grade 4 to grade 5 and then from grade 8 into grade 9.
- e. on going staff professional development.

III. all Staff consistently

- a. demonstrate their support and commitment to the school's vision and values.
- b. maintain high expectations for themselves and their students.
- c. work collaboratively in a positive atmosphere of support and respect.
- d. model enthusiasm for learning through their behavior inside and outside the classroom with students.
- e. demonstrate a commitment to life long learning through professional development opportunities and current educational research.
- f. maintain a safe and caring school.
- g. honour the Alberta Teachers' Association Professional Code of Conduct.

IV. all **Students**

- a. accept responsibility for their learning, decisions, and actions by respecting themselves as well as others.
- b. are enthusiastically motivated by trying their very best toward academic achievement, co-curricular activities and creating a positive school culture.
- c. actively and positively promote respect and caring throughout the school community in their relationships with peers and adults.

V. the **School Climate**

- a. provides a caring, inviting, and exciting atmosphere through a commitment from all members of the school community.
- b. provides a supportive environment that is emotionally and physically safe.
- c. provides a wide variety of stimulating curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- d. treats all individuals with respect and consideration.
- e. recognizes and celebrates individual as well as group achievement.
- f. maintains an open communication between students, staff, administration, parents and community.
- g. provides a positive discipline program that guides students in becoming responsible for their own behavior.

VI. the positive relationship with **Community Partnerships** (parents, residents, business, other governments and educational systems) is nurtured by

- a. the community demonstrating its support for the vision and values of the school.
- b. openly promoting the importance of the positive partnership between the community and the school.
- c. promoting the school as an open environment where community guests are regularly invited to assist and celebrate in the learning experience of students.
- d. a friendly and positive system of open communication between the school and our community partners.