



Celebrating our **Shared Values**

*A guide for the students, families
and communities
of Regina Public Schools*

The Regina Board of Education serves to instill the value of knowledge, the dignity of effort, and the worth of the individual. We have a responsibility to provide the highest quality of education for each and every student. Our challenge is to instruct and deliver programs in school climates which reflect the diverse communities we serve.

The Community Working Together...

In January 1995, 100 community members and educators, identified a set of themes that formed the basis for the statements of shared



values. Since then, the Shared Values Advisory Committee, comprised of community representatives, along with a working committee of staff members, has developed

shared values principles. The articulation of these values, and their integration with all areas of school life, contributes to the vision, strength and community of the school division:

- **Vision** comes from the desire to teach and model values as we fulfil our mission.
- **Strength** comes from the commitment to provide a school system in which the fundamental rights and responsibilities of all individuals are respected.
- **Community** comes from the desire to unite around shared values.

Four categories of shared values have been identified...

To maintain a focus on students, the areas are expressed in the form of empowering "I" statements:

"I belong"

"I want to know"

"I respect"

"I am responsible"

These statements of shared values are intended to support current practices, and to provide direction for the future.

The images in the logo represent people joined in community, working toward a common vision reflected in our mission to instill the value of knowledge, the dignity of effort and the worth of the individual.

The values are summarized in four "I-statements" surrounding the shared values logo.



I BELONG means...

A sense of belonging is important for educational success.

It is fostered by one's family, friends and community. In an

educational setting, a sense of belonging is created by recognizing and utilizing each individual's unique contributions. As a caring community, Regina Public Schools work to ensure that schools are comfortable, safe places for everyone to work and learn.



I WANT TO KNOW means...

The value of knowledge is fundamental to education. It is within this context that the Regina Board of Education develops policies, delivers curriculum, and creates learning environments. It is important to nurture a positive commitment to excellence in learning, with an emphasis on academic achievement and personal, moral and ethical development.

I RESPECT means...

The value of respect is critical for living and learning within a diverse community. Respect provides the basis for all interactions within Regina's public schools. Respect is based

upon acceptance and understanding of the similarities and differences among people. In an educational setting, respect is an essential component to ensure that all students reach their highest potential.

I AM RESPONSIBLE means...

The value of responsibility is a cornerstone of a healthy society and essential for quality education. The Regina Board of Education is committed to the development of personal, social and community responsibility. The exercising of these responsibilities extends to human interactions, the learning environment, and curriculum development and delivery.

Would you like more information on Shared Values?

A more extensive foundation document is available at all Regina Public Schools. Please contact a school principal to borrow or obtain a copy of this document or to discuss Shared Values in further detail.



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*Values
shape our view
of self, others
and the community.*

*The Regina Board of Education
believes that shared values
unite our school community*

*around
fundamental beliefs
that give direction to
what we teach,
both inside and outside
the classroom.*

