

Provincial Education Plan 2030

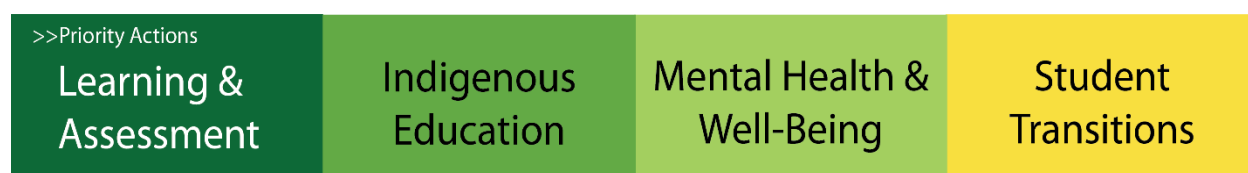
The long-term provincial education plan represents a commitment to Saskatchewan students and their families. The focus of the plan is to support students in learning what they need for their future, to ensure students feel safe and supported.

The long-term provincial education plan will focus on the needs of all Prekindergarten to Grade 12 students. This plan reflects the diversity of the province and ensures the presence and voices of First Nations and Métis education organizations are heard and felt throughout, as part of the journey towards reconciliation in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan's education sector is foundational in contributing to the goals of Saskatchewan's *Growth Plan – The Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030* and securing a better quality of life for Saskatchewan people. The provincial education plan actions build resiliency in students and the foundational skills, knowledge and competencies they will need for their future. The actions support transitions and pathways through the Kindergarten to Grade 12 system toward participation in future learning, work, career, entrepreneurship and adult life.

Priority Actions:

Four priority actions of equal importance will be undertaken in the plan. These actions will be assessed and updated over the course of the plan as the work progresses, and priorities continue to be responsive to the educational experiences and outcomes of Saskatchewan students.



- Improve student outcomes through effective assessment practices that guide and strengthen responsive instruction.
 - A provincial assessment program will focus on improving student results.
 - The program will include assessments at pivotal points to better support each student's learning.
 - It will build on and support the valuable work of teachers by providing precise and timely information to guide instruction.
- Actualize the vision and goals of [Inspiring Success: Prek-12 First Nations and Métis Education Policy Framework](#).
 - Achieving the *Inspiring Success* vision and goals will support the achievement of success for Indigenous students and an equitable and inclusive system that benefits all learners.
 - This work will promote local action, develop measures to track progress and ensure effective practices are implemented and shared.
 - Working toward an inclusive workforce strategy and continued efforts to include Indigenous voices in all areas of education will be important to this work.
- Enrich and enhance mental health and well-being capacity in students.

- Saskatchewan students will be supported to experience a positive sense of belonging and connection while feeling safe in their schools.
 - This work will create common language so that students, parents, teachers and administrators can speak openly and clearly about mental health and well-being.
 - School systems will work to share effective practices and develop a planning tool to make a difference at the local level for the benefit of more students.
- Foster connections for learners and their families while supporting learners as they enter and progress through school to graduation and determine a life pathway.
 - Engaging families and caregivers from school entry throughout a child’s education will be an important focus of this action.
 - Actions in this priority will support student attendance and engagement, particularly during key transition points.
 - Through the work of this action, every student will have a plan for graduation that will prepare them for their career and life pathways.

Provincial-Level Targets:

The following are provincial-level targets. Progress toward these targets will measure the impact of the plan over time. For each of these targets, the aim will be to achieve equity in outcomes for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and to see improvement for all students.

Over the life of the plan to 2030:

- **Student attendance will improve annually.**
 - When students attend school regularly, they are more engaged in learning and have greater opportunities to learn and succeed. There is a very strong relationship between good attendance and good educational outcomes.
 - When schools provide inviting, interesting and supportive learning environments, students are more likely to attend and engage in learning.
 - For the 2022-23 school year, the average attendance rate for students across the province was 85.6 per cent. The percentage of students who attended at least 80 per cent of the time was 76 per cent.
- **Overall graduation rates will increase annually with a focus on decreasing the gap in achievement between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students by 2030.**
 - Generally, students who complete Grade 12 have more opportunities for education and work, and experience better health and well-being.
 - More students graduating contributes to a stronger Saskatchewan through an educated and engaged population and to economic growth through the availability of skilled and knowledgeable entrepreneurs and employees.
 - For the 2022-23 school year, the overall 3-year graduation rate was 79 per cent with 47.9 per cent of Indigenous students graduating within the 3-year window. The overall 5-year graduation rate was 85.9 per cent with 61.9 per cent of Indigenous students graduating within that timeframe.
- **Upon Kindergarten exit, the percentage of students ready for learning in the primary grades will increase year over year.**

- Student readiness for learning by the end of Kindergarten sets the foundation for future learning and success in school.
- For the 2022-23 school year, 79.1 per cent of students were ready for learning in the primary grades after they are finished Kindergarten.
- **Student literacy and numeracy outcomes will increase year over year.**
 - Reading is a foundation for learning. Grade 3 reading levels are a strong indicator of future student performance. A high proportion of students reading at grade level in Grade 3 means that more students are ready to learn in Grade 4 and beyond.
 - For the 2022-23 school year, 70 per cent of Grade 3 students were assessed as reading at or above grade level, which is a 1.7 percentage point improvement over the previous year.
- **All students will have an increased sense of connection and safety in schools.**
 - When students feel connected to and safe in school, they will be more engaged in learning.
 - In 2022-23, 59 per cent of students in grades 4 to 6 reported feeling safe at school. For grades 7 to 12 students, the percentage was 55 per cent.
 - In 2022-23, 68 per cent of students in grades 4 to 6 reported a positive sense of belonging. For grades 7 to 12 students, the percentage was 58 per cent.

For all provincial level targets and measures, baseline data, where available, will be established from the 2022-23 school year. Implementation of the plan for the 2023-24 school year began in September 2023. Provincial-level targets will be revisited regularly to ensure continuous improvement toward 2030. School systems will continue to set and report on their own annual targets.