

## **Appropriate Education**

BPSD is committed to providing quality educational programming for all students including those with exceptional learning needs. BPSD supports Appropriate Educational Programming and is committed to following the standards of Appropriate Education as identified in the Public School Act and outlined in the Manitoba Education Citizenship and Youth document "Appropriate Educational Programming in Manitoba: Standards for Student Services 2006."

As a school division we believe that:

- The provincial curriculum should be the starting point for educational programming.
- Students learn in different ways and at different rates.
- Students have individual abilities and needs.
- Students want to feel they belong and are valued.
- Students come from diverse backgrounds and want their differences to be respected.
- Parents and students (whenever possible) need to be involved in the individual education planning process.
- The IEP is the basis for decision-making for students with exceptional learning needs.

BPSD believe that as the needs of a student increases the level of support provided also needs to increase. For some students the regular classroom programming and / or placement may not be the most appropriate. In some situations educational programming may need to be provided through alternative delivery models and settings.

Beautiful Plains recognizes that disagreements may occur between parents and the Division as to what constitutes Appropriate Programming for a student. The Division is committed to resolving disputes through the following process.

- Resolve the dispute through discussion at the local school level
- If the dispute cannot be resolved at the school level appeal to the Superintendent
- If the issue cannot be resolved with the Superintendent appeal to the Board

If the issue cannot be resolved at the Board level the parent may choose to initiate action utilizing the "Dispute Resolution Process" as defined in Appropriate Educational Programming in Manitoba: Standards for Student Services.

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