

SUPPORT

Learning Supports

Learning Supports refers to the mobilization of resources (including expertise, facilities, human and community services) required to demonstrate shared, system-wide responsibility for all children and students, and the application of these resources to ensure quality teaching and leading and optimum learning for all.

GOALS <i>Desired Result</i>	OUTCOMES <i>Measurable statements of what FSD seeks to achieve</i>	INDICATORS <i>Indicators of achieving outcomes</i>
Advance wellness and well-being: Collaboratively promote and advance healthy school environments for all, based upon a strong foundation of wellness and well-being.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All stakeholders contribute to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe school environment. • Wrap around services and supports enhance healthy school environments for student well-being and staff wellness. • Students and staff better understand mental health and resilience and the role they play in their own positive mental health and resilience. • Schools continue to implement and advance trauma-informed practices to contribute to healthy school environments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures indicate that students and staff have a sense of belonging at school, resulting in higher attendance and engagement. • Measures indicate that students and staff respect one another and take responsibility for their own actions. • Measures indicate that students and staff have choice and strive for excellence within a healthy school environment. • Measures indicate that students and staff are generous to one another and recognize the positive contributions everyone makes to the healthy school environment. • Measures indicate that all stakeholders actively contribute to a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe school environment.
Advance our Continuum of Supports Collaboratively engage all stakeholders in creatively expanding and implementing the continuum of supports within each local context.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A robust continuum of supports ensures student success. • Learning environments are adapted as necessary to meet learner needs, emphasizing a sense of belonging and high expectations for all. • Learners demonstrate understanding and respect for the uniqueness of all learners. • Learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful and safe. • Structures and systems support learning and meet the needs of students, families, staff, and communities. • Learners access continuum of supports. • Wrap around services and supports enhance conditions required for optimal learning. • Education partners fulfil their respective roles for a shared understanding of an inclusive education system. • All stakeholders work collaboratively to support student learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures indicate that each learner has access to programs, services, and strategies within the continuum of supports that are consistent with the principles of inclusive learning. • Continuum of Supports is visible and accessible. • Measures indicate that teachers, parents, and students report that learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe.

MEASURES AND TARGETS: PROVINCIAL & LOCAL

- **Safe & Caring (AEAM):** Increase/maintain the percentage of teachers, parents and students who agree that students are safe at school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others, and are treated fairly in school.
- **Program Access (AEAM):** Increase/maintain the percentage of teacher, parent and student satisfaction with the accessibility, effectiveness and efficiency of programs and services for students in their community.
- **Students at Risk (AEAM):** Increase/maintain the percentage of teachers, parents and students agree that programs for children at risk are easy to access and timely.
- **SOS-Q (Student Orientation to School Questionnaire):** Increase/maintain in percentage of students who are at or above the National Norm in the areas of Safe and Caring, External Resilience, Internal Resilience, Self-Confidence, Peer Relationships, Utility of School and Extracurricular Activities.

FSD Assurance Survey (Parent): Parent attitudes to learning within the domains of student growth and achievement, teaching and leading, learning support and governance.

Provincial Performance Measures	Safe and Caring	Access to Supports and Services (students 'at risk')
2021-2022 (FSD)	83%	75%
2022-2023	81%	86%
2023-2024	83%	72%
2024-2025	83%	74%
Evaluation	High	High

Alberta Education Assurance Survey: Provincial reporting of staff, student, and parent attitudes to learning within the domains of student growth and achievement, teaching and leading, learning support and governance.

Provincial Performance Measures	Safe and Caring	Access to Supports and Services (students 'at risk')
2021-2022 (FSD)	88.2%	81.5%
2021-2022 (Prov)	86.1%	81.6%
2022-2023 (FSD)	82.7%	73.9%
2022-2023 (Prov)	84.7%	80.6%
2023-2024 (FSD)	80.2%	71.8%
2023-2024 (Prov)	84.0%	79.9%
2024-2025 (FSD)	87.9%	84.6%
2024-2025 (Prov)	87.3%	80.1%
Evaluation (Achievement)	High	High
Evaluation (Improvement)	Improved	Improved

Continuum of Support Questions from the Student Intellectual Engagement Survey As a component of the Student Intellectual Engagement Survey, Foothills School Division asks students grades 4-12 about their experience and understanding around the Continuum of Supports

% of Students Agreeing or Strongly Agreeing to Prompt			
	Overall Measure	My school provides a continuum of supports and services for students experiencing difficulties in areas beyond their learning and schoolwork.	My teacher(s) provide a continuum of supports to help me when I have difficulties with my learning.
2021-2022	63	56	71
2022-2023	61	58	65
2023-2024	61	55	68
2023-2024	65	62	68
Evaluation	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate

FSD SOS-Q Student Survey (Student Orientation to School Questionnaire): This survey is used to identify student's degrees of connectivity to school in a variety of dimensions and assist with initiating strategies to re-connect students that may be disengaging from school. The survey results allow schools to look at trends across the school and grades as well as dig into individual student responses.

Above National Norm					
	Safe & Caring	External Resilience	Self Confidence	Internal Resilience	Peer Relations
2021-2022	78	83	67	42	84
2022-2023	77	77	62	46	80
2023-2024	73	77	62	47	82
2024-2025	83	82	67	54	84
Evaluation	High	High	Intermediate	Low	High

KEY INSIGHTS FROM RESULTS ANALYSIS

Areas of Strength

- **Comprehensive Supports:** Students report better access to academic, social-emotional, and behavioral supports.
- **Community Opportunities:** Work experience, volunteering, and apprenticeships build practical skills and career readiness.
- **Student Matters Team:** Initiatives amplify student voice and foster belonging.
- **Collaborative Response Team:** The Highwood Support Team ensures timely, coordinated interventions for student success.
- **Safe and Caring Environment:** The school is widely seen as welcoming, respectful, and safe, promoting positive relationships.

Areas for Growth

- Strengthen collaboration through the Collaborative Response Team to ensure timely, coordinated interventions.
- Engage division-level supports by working closely with the Division Learning Coach and Inclusive Education Team.
- Improve the creation and implementation of Behavioural Support Plans for students requiring targeted strategies.
- Ensure all staff consistently apply universal support strategies before moving to individualized interventions.
- Involve student voice in interventions, program planning, and school-wide problem-solving processes.

Next Steps

- **Continue to improve Collaborative Response Team processes:** Schedule regular meetings, define roles, and create a system for timely interventions. Include Divisional Supports when required.
- **Develop and implement Behavioural Support Plans:** Use standardized template, provide staff training (e.g., SIVA), and monitor implementation for students needing targeted support.
- **Ensure universal strategies are consistently applied:** Provide refresher training for staff and implement a checklist to improve Continuum of Supports.
- **Embed student voice in planning:** Introduce student advisory groups, include students in intervention planning meetings, and gather feedback through surveys or focus groups.

