

EDUCATION PRIORITIES - NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP) offers educators free resources to help youth (grades K-12) learn more about improving accessibility and inclusion in their schools and communities. These comprehensive materials correspond to curriculum and education priorities in Northwest Territories:

CAREER DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN



- Supports the acquisition of teamwork skills.
- Encourages students to explore their abilities and interests.
- Provides opportunities to develop a variety of communication skills in situations relevant to potential careers.
- Explores goal-setting as a source of motivation and inspiration.

EDUCATION RENEWAL: SAFE AND CARING SCHOOL



- Promotes safe and caring school culture by developing empathy and promoting equity.
- Decreases incidences of bullying and exclusion.
- Enhances students' understanding of differences and diversity.
- Fosters respectful behaviour and healthy relationships.

RESILIENCY AND LEADERSHIP



- Encourages development of leadership skills.
- Teaches the importance of peer advocacy, mentorship, and goal-setting.
- Develops students' ability to communicate and work in teams.
- Empowers students to make a difference in their schools and communities.

DIRECTIVE ON INCLUSIVE SCHOOLING



- Incorporates current best practices in inclusive education through use of Universal Design for Learning principles.
- Offers tools to aid teachers with differentiation.
- Encourages students to discover and develop their individual strengths, interests and passions while acknowledging others.
- Explores diversity, equity and belonging.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND REPORTING DIRECTIVE



- Easily adopted as part of a school-wide approach to equity and inclusion.
- Promotes safe and caring school environment where every student is valued and given the opportunity to succeed.
- Encourages positive links between school and community.
- Encourages teacher collaboration by providing a framework for school-wide events and materials for use in many subject areas.