

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.46 (SUNSHINE COAST)

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: GRADUATION

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- 1| Our students will graduate with specific life skills to enable them to navigate their personal future directions
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“Graduation Program: Information for All Grade 10-12 (Graduation Program) Students and Adult Learners:

The health and safety of students, staff, and their families is the highest priority during this unique time. The Ministry is committed to ensuring continuity of learning leading to final marks for all students, and graduation for those eligible.

For students in grades 10 and 11, school districts and independent school authorities should focus on ensuring all students are making progress towards completing the graduation requirements. Regardless of Stage, there is no change to [graduation requirements](#): Students must satisfy all graduation requirements in order to earn a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (“Dogwood Diploma”).”

- [Covid-19 Operational Guidelines for School Districts 2021](#)

Background:

As we come to the end of the 2020-21 school year, school staff has continued to provide rich and supportive learning experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic. Socio-emotional needs for students and staff have been part of the planning to support all students towards successful graduation.

Highlights:

- Recent graduation rates are available at: <https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/school-district/046>.
- Continued attention is being placed on supporting indigenous students towards success in school. All schools offer a First Nations option for Language Arts at the grade 12 level and other options for First Nations studies at the grade 10-12 levels. Indigenous student graduation rates are on par with non-indigenous students in our district.
- New and novel data sets are being introduced by the Ministry for use by districts to better understand our students and trends.
- Work Experience and Apprenticeships have continued to be an important part of the student graduation program with 43 Work Experience 12A and 22 Work Experience 12B students. We had 16 student apprentices and 8 received a \$1000 Work in Trades award from the ITA.

Next Steps:

- We are undertaking a formal [Equity Scan](#) process in consultation with the ministry that will address all aspects our programming and support for First Nations students and families.
- Continuing to move forward with a new Enhancing Student Learning report to the ministry.