

## ESSENTIALS OF EDUCATION

Our schools have the responsibility to:

- Contribute to the learner's physical and emotional well-being, especially to a sense of personal worth and dignity and to a capacity for influencing one's own destiny.
- Develop in each learner the listening, speaking, reading, writing, visual and computational skills needed for perception, conceptualization, communication and evaluation of ideas.
- Develop in each learner the ability to reason logically and to use mathematical and scientific knowledge and methods to solve problems.
- Foster and stimulate in each learner the natural desire for lifelong learning and develop the thinking, reasoning, problem-solving, organizational and study skills necessary to fulfill that desire.
- Provide each learner with experiences to gain knowledge and understanding of how our society functions in theory and in practice. We must also foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and to protect the rights of others.
- Provide each learner with guided experiences which promote cooperation and mutual respect.
- Develop each learner's capacity to adapt to changing conditions and to meet unexpected challenges.
- Increase knowledge of and respect for various world cultures and the interdependence of nations.
- Provide each learner with knowledge and experience which contribute to an understanding and appreciation of human similarities and differences.
- Provide each learner with experiences to gain knowledge and understanding of the biological world and people's responsibility to protect the environment from misuse.
- Provide each learner with varied opportunities to nurture interests, to discover and to develop natural talents and to express values and feelings through various media.
- Provide each learner with varied opportunities for expression through the arts and to appreciate the artistic expression of others.
- Develop in each learner an understanding of the uses of technology and its limitations.
- Provide each learner with the skills, attitudes, experiences and counseling to pursue a career consistent with individual interests and capabilities.
- Provide each learner with experiences leading to discovery of new relationships, stimulation of imagination and personal reflection.