

Introduction

Successful Futures for All Students: A Guide to Career Development Programming for Manitoba School Leaders explains why career development continues to be an important consideration for all K-12 school leaders – now and in the future. This guide shows how career development programming helps Manitoba students complete school and transition to post-secondary education and/or the workplace. This guide also illustrates how Manitoba educators, schools, and school divisions can integrate career development concepts, programming, and resources with curriculum outcomes in their classrooms.

Creating a “career development culture” in schools does not just involve school leaders. It is a school- and community-wide effort that involves school counsellors, teachers, parents, and others working together to instill very important knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will help students succeed and have balanced, productive lives.

“Getting industry partners and parents to actively participate and buy into the process is critical for the continued success of any model.”

– Manitoba Vice-Principal

While many Manitoba schools have some form of career development programming, they are at different stages of integrating career development concepts and practices. The primary purpose of this publication is to keep this positive momentum moving forward. While this guidebook does not offer a universal prescription for each and every school, school division, and community, it does provide a foundation and a common ground for innovative ideas and teamwork. It is meant to be a catalyst for all stakeholders to start or continue to meet and share ideas, feedback, and support. As we move forward, we will all be better able to enhance students’ understanding of their future options – unlocking their long-term potential and our province’s social and economic well-being.

