

Provincial Inclusive Education Policy

Policy Release

Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to share the *Inclusive Education Policy* that has been developed in collaboration with a wide range of partners and stakeholders.

The *Inclusive Education Policy* articulates a clear vision for Nova Scotia's education system based on the fundamental belief that every student can learn with enough time, practice, and equitable supports. The policy sets clear guiding principles to serve as the foundation for supporting the well-being and education of all students in Nova Scotia.

This policy is **effective in all schools in September 2020**. Beginning in September 2019, the department will work with RCEs and CSAP to begin implementing the policy in select schools. Lessons learned from those schools will help inform and support full implementation in September 2020.

During the 2019–20 school year additional supporting documents and guidelines will be developed and provided to RCEs and the CSAP to support the implementation of this policy.

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