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## **POLICY HICAB –Citizenship Programs Support**

**The Board recognizes that citizenship activities are an integral part of education. The Board supports in principle the many and varied projects undertaken by or for students under the direction of their teachers that lead to students becoming global, responsible citizens.**

### **BACKGROUND**

“Albertans articulated their vision for education through specific outcomes which have been summarized as “the Three E’s” of education for the 21st Century. Albertans told us the Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) system should strive to instill the following qualities and abilities in our youth:...

**Ethical Citizen:** who builds relationships based on humility, fairness and open-mindedness; who demonstrates respect, empathy and compassion; and who through teamwork, collaboration and communication contributes fully to the community and the world....

Underlying the Three E’s are six core values. These values must be embraced by all who are part of the learning community. They should be expressed in every decision related to curriculum, teaching, assessment, policy and governance. They are opportunity, fairness, citizenship, choice, diversity, and excellence.

### **How must Alberta’s education system shift to make this vision possible?**

First, our concept of education should expand beyond the school and make the community a true partner. The community can be a source of leadership, teaching, and support through the participation of experts, mentors, and elders.”

From the Inspiring Education Steering Committee Report

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### **PURPOSE**

To promote school participation and foster student involvement in activities that encourages the development of ethical citizens, who through teamwork, collaboration and communication contribute fully to the community and the world.

### **GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES**

1. The project must have the endorsement of the Principal. Example of programs are the Forum for Young Canadians, Encounters Canada, Forum for Young Albertans, SADD, Alberta Education’s Speak Out, PSBA’s Student Voice and numerous other activities that promote their growth as citizens. Projects such as Science Fairs, academic and athletic competitions, band/choral competitions are not included.
2. Participation must be at the provincial, national, or international level.
3. Generally, the application for funding support shall be made a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the date of the activity. At the discretion of the Superintendent, where circumstances warrant, application on short notice shall be given consideration.

4. The extent of financial support shall be as follows:
  - a) Funding for a maximum of three (3) students per school.
  - b) Twenty five (25) per cent of the total cost per student to a maximum of \$250 per student.

## **REFERENCES**

### **Cross References:**

### **Legal Reference:**

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