

# Teaching Standards for Nova Scotia Schools

## What are the Teaching Standards?

The teaching standards are a supportive and integrated framework of six components of high-quality teaching in Nova Scotia. All six standards share a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusivity, and high expectations for student learning and achievement.

- 1 Teachers know, respond to, and engage their students.
- 2 Teachers know their subjects and how to teach them.
- 3 Teachers use 'Assessment *for* and *of* Learning' to guide teaching and learning.
- 4 Teachers create safe and positive learning environments.
- 5 Teachers participate in professional learning throughout their careers.
- 6 Teachers model and promote professionalism in teaching.

## What is the vision of the Teaching Standards?

The vision of the teaching standards is to support excellence in teaching and learning through consistent, high-quality teaching in every classroom.

## What is the purpose of the Teaching Standards?

The purpose of the teaching standards is to provide support and structure for teachers while serving as the foundation for major changes to our education system. The standards also promote the teaching profession, heightening public awareness of the vital role that teachers play in the development, learning, and achievement of our children and youth.

## How will Teaching Standards guide learning for Pre-service teachers?

- Standards are for teachers P-12 in all subject areas, including pre-service teachers.
- Standards are common across the province.
- Standards will form the basis of Professional Growth Plans, Teacher Appraisal (2020-21) and Professional Learning.
- Standards will help support the learning and assessment of Pre-service teachers