

# WHAT IS QUALITY PEDAGOGY?

Pedagogy refers to the practice of teaching, or how teachers teach. For Northern Gateway Public Schools, Quality Pedagogy refers to division-wide instructional practices that our teachers use to support learners every day in NGPS classrooms. We measure our quality of practice against the following:

### **Engaged Professional**

Engaged teachers put students centre, contribute to a shared vision for the school, reflect on personal practice, engage in life-long learning and welcome opportunities to work collaboratively.

#### Positive Classroom Culture

A positive classroom culture offers diverse learning opportunities and encourages students to take risks in their learning. Relationships focus on student well-being and foster a growth mindset.

### **Intentional Planning**

Teachers design meaningful learning experiences with students' individual needs and learning styles in mind. Purposeful assessment guides instructional planning. Identifying and meeting different learning needs are critical to the planning process and to supporting all students.

# Purposeful Assessment

When assessment is intentional and growth-minded, it better informs the next steps in the learning cycle for students and teachers. It helps teachers to engage and individualize learning for students, identify students' needs and design activities to better support the learning process for all students.

# **Responsive Instruction**

Responsive instruction considers the needs of all learners. The teacher is flexible in the delivery of instruction and adapts to ensure student engagement and understanding.

The Quality Learning Environment is our division-wide commitment to effective, research-based instructional practice that will ensure learners are supported and learners are successful in NGPS schools.

