

# Pride Week

## at Edmonton Public Schools

Pride Week is recognized and celebrated across all Edmonton Public Schools the first week of June. It recognizes the historical struggles of 2SLGBTQIA+ people for equal rights, safety and acceptance, and is a celebration of people who are part of this community.

### Why do we recognize Pride Week?

Pride Week is an opportunity to promote a respectful and inclusive school community where everyone belongs.

We celebrate Pride Week to **recognize the diversity** in schools and communities and to **reinforce schools as a safe, caring and inclusive space** for all students, families and staff, including those who are part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

### What happens at school?

Students understand that schools are safe and welcoming places for everyone, and they take part in celebrations for many events and days of significance throughout the year. Pride Week is an extension of this work.

### Pride Week will look different in every school

Example of Pride Week activities at schools:

- acknowledgments or anecdotes in morning announcements or school assemblies
- posters or artwork around the school
- student-led activities or initiatives
- art activities like rainbow chalk or paint

Open communication between schools and families creates shared understanding. Schools are encouraged to share Pride Week plans with families before the week begins.



In 2019, the Division's Board of Trustees declared the first week of June as Pride Week in Edmonton Public Schools.

There is no curriculum or formal classroom learning related to Pride Week or sexual orientation and gender identity. Pride Week activities are based on ties to Alberta provincial curriculum with a focus on:

- ✓ **building positive relationships**
- ✓ **respect and understanding of different cultures and experiences**
- ✓ **reducing discrimination**



### Questions about Pride Week

Families are encouraged to talk to their school principal if they have any questions or concerns about Pride Week.