

# Glossary

## **Assessment**

The act of evaluating or appraising; the particular methods used to evaluate how well children are learning

## **Competencies**

The strengths, collective learning, and diverse productive skills that students develop throughout their learning and discovery. Please see the following website for more information: <http://schools.sd42.ca/sd42reporting/>

## **ELL**

English Language Learners (formerly ESL). Students who are learning the English Language and whose first language is not English.

## **IEP**

Individual Education Plan. Students with special needs have IEPs that are tailored to their individual learning needs. The IEP helps teachers, SEAs, Support Teachers and other service providers to be aware of the student's needs and abilities.

## **Literacy**

The process, development and progression of skills in reading, writing, and oral language.

## **Numeracy**

The ability to reason and apply concepts involving numbers and to think mathematically to measure, make calculations, estimate, and apply understanding.

## **Open Response Questions**

A question that cannot be answered with a one-word answer; one that requires higher level thinking skills

## **Portfolio**

A collection of student work samples

## **Rubric**

A scoring guide for assessment

## **SEA**

Special Education Assistant. SEAs work in a variety of classrooms throughout the schools to support student learning.

**Social Responsibility**

Includes students positively contributing to their community, solving problems in respectful ways, valuing diversity, defending human rights, and exercising democratic rights and responsibilities. Students develop social and emotional skills such as social awareness, relationship skills, self-management, self-awareness, and responsible decision-making. (Social Responsibility SD 43)

**Student Inclusive Conference**

A conference that involves a student, teacher(s), and parent(s) communicating thoughts, ideas and growth around a student's development and progress.

**Support Teacher**

Teachers who help to support classroom teachers and their students. They help to bridge communication between support services, students, teachers and parents.