



Pleasant Valley Secondary School

School Learning Plan 2025-2026



School Context:

(Describe your school, population, geographic location. Community, demographics, and unique needs.)

Pleasant Valley Secondary School is located in Armstrong, BC. It is the only secondary school in the community and serves 498 students in grades 9-12 who live in Armstrong, Spallumcheen, Falkland, and the surrounding area. Some students who live in Vernon and Enderby also choose to attend Pleasant Valley Secondary School. 113 (23%) of our students identify as Indigenous, with 3 students living on reserve, at the Splatšin First Nation. 102 (21%) students have Ministry special education designations. Armstrong has a long history of being a farming community, which is still evident, although the growing population is much more diverse than in the past. The median family income was \$77,500 in 2020, which is below the British Columbia median family income of \$85,000.

Pleasant Valley Secondary is the home of the District Career Program's Hairstyling Dual Credit program, which was revived in February 2022. This is an important program for both our school and the school district, providing training opportunities for 15-20 students per year.

The new school gym was completed in January of 2025. After four and a half years of not having a school gym we are continuing to rebuild school programs and school culture that were impacted by not having a gym. Physical and Health Education program, our Athletics programs, assemblies, cultural performances, intramurals, and much more we all impacted. Our district's Long-Range Facilities Plan includes PVSS becoming a Grade 8-12 school at some point, but that planning is currently on hold.

Strategic Priority: Intellectual Development

- In the School Learning Plan, the **Intellectual Development** goals must be connected to the School District No. 83 Strategic Priority goal – *Each student will develop their literacy skills, numeracy skills, and competencies to become their most capable self.*
- Goals must be specific, measurable, achievable, informed by and supported by data.
- Potential data sources may include FSA results, Graduation Literacy and Numeracy Assessments, Completion Rates (Dogwood Honours/Dogwood/Adult Dogwood/Evergreens/5 Year Rate/6 Year Rate), School-wide writes...

Literacy Goal:	Numeracy Goal:
We will show annual improvement of students achieving proficient or extending on provincial literacy assessments (Grade 10 and 12).	We will show annual improvement of students achieving proficient or extending on the grade 10 provincial numeracy assessments.
Strategies and Actions:	Strategies and Actions:
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Data Analysis/Narrative:	Data Analysis/Narrative:
<p>We are interpreting this data through two lenses. The first is through year over year comparison of each assessment. Through this lens, overall achievement data for students achieving Proficient or Extending saw an increase in results for both grade 10 and grade 12 students after a few years of variability. We are cautiously optimistic that these results will continue and we can identify this a true trend in future years.</p> <p>The second lens to use in reviewing this data is to compare cohort achievement. Using this lens we do see some improvement for our students between their grade 10 and 12 years. Students who wrote the Grade 12 Literacy assessment in in the 2021-22 school year had 4.1% more students achieving Proficient or Extending when compared to the grade 10 assessment results for the same cohort. This trend continues with each cohort of students making improvements in their literacy assessment results in each year. The improvements are variable in size ranging from 2% to 12%.</p> <p>We would like to see improvement in both lens’ of interpretation, but each tell an important part of the story. The first in overall improvement in the system and the second in individual student improvement as they approach graduation.</p>	<p>When looking at the Numeracy assessment data, we don’t have same luxury of comparing grade 10 results to grade 12 results as in the Literacy Assessment data. However, in the 7 years of data presented above, there is a clear trend of improvement in the percentage of students achieving Proficient or Extending on this provincial assessment. Although we have seen a significant reduction in the percentage of students achieving Emerging, only a little more than a third of students at PVSS are achieving at a Proficient or Extending level leaving much room for improvement.</p>
<div> <div>Strategic Priority: Human and Social Development</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the School Learning Plan, the Human and Social Development goals must be connected to the School District No. 83 Strategic Priority goal – <i>Each student will feel welcome, safe, and connected to peers and adults in their schools.</i> Goals must be focused on measuring a sense of belonging. Potential data sources may include the School District No. 83 EDI Environmental Scan, the Student Learning Survey, and student focus groups. </div>	<div> <div>Strategic Priority: Developing a Culture of Well-Being</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the School Learning Plan, the Developing a Culture of Well-Being goal must be connected to the School District No. 83 Strategic Priority goal – Each student will feel socially, emotionally, and mentally supported within their schools and the district. The goal must be focused on STUDENT well-being. Potential data sources may include the School District No. 83 EDI Environmental Scan, the Student Learning Survey, and student focus groups. </div>
Sense of Belonging Goal:	Student Well-Being Goal:
<p>We will show annual improvement of students reporting a sense of belonging and connection to adults on the student learning survey.</p>	<p>We will show annual improvement of students reporting that they are learning to care for their mental well-being on the student learning survey.</p>
Strategies and Actions:	Strategies and Actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to offer 2 courses, first offered in the 2024-25 school year, to give students a voice and sense of ownership within the school: Peer Mentoring and Athletic Leadership, in addition to our longstanding traditional leadership course, to engage students in decision making and implementation of initiatives within the school. Through these courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer mentors will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hear what helps students thrive Support younger students in fostering a sense of belonging in the school and in their classes Create initiatives to work with middle and elementary schools to promote positive mindsets and build community Athletic Leadership students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote athletics within the school and through a student-led social media presence Implement an intramural program Assist with home-game/tournament athletic tasks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host an Interior Heath wellness Fair and Public health Nurses twice a month. Speak to the importance of mental health and wellness the through common mini-lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect mini-lessons to the Interior Health visits to the school Investigate the teaching of the Medicine Wheel into student support programs Include mental health in student self-reflection and goal setting activities Creating student-led initiatives to work with middle and elementary schools to promote positive mindsets and build community Continue our initiative with Feeding Futures in providing free meals for all students one day a week Utilize the district ICY team to support students in crisis Implement the “Finding your balance wellness program” facilitated by our Itinerant Indigenous Counsellor for a small group of Indigenous students struggling with attendance. Encourage staff participation in a potluck lunch once a month to promote staff well-being. Student well-being and staff wellbeing work in conjunction with each other

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- Foster positive relationships between and teachers by:**
 - promoting open communication and collaboration
 - Fostering an environment that encourages approachability as well as caring and effective communication
- Create common lessons for classes to co-develop expectations of a PVSS student to help create a positive school culture
- Check in with students regularly who are late for classes and disengaged
- Promote the development of cross-curricular projects such as French-Foods Café and Carnival, Fine arts gala, music/dance collaborations.
- Foster a sense of belonging for our indigenous students:**
 - Host an Indigenous family night with other Armstrong schools
 - Increasing our usage of the knowledge keepers’ program
 - Ensure that there is Indigenous presence in school-wide events such as Remembrance Day assemblies
- Foster connections with the community to increase a sense belonging for students:**
 - Support community coaches for our teams
 - Encourage collaboration with community organizations to implement authentic assessment/project opportunities (art shows at the gallery, Climate Action Group, etc.)
- Implement the “Finding your balance wellness program” facilitated by our Itinerant Indigenous Counsellor for a small group of Indigenous students struggling with attendance.

Data to Inform/Support Sense of Belonging Goal:

Student Learning survey - Grade 10 (%)												
	NQ16 - Do you feel welcome at your school?				Q26A - At your school, how many adults do you feel care about you?				S81 - Is school a place where you feel like you belong?			
	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Don't know	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Don't know	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Don't know
2020/21	46	29	16	5	50	11	13	23	33	30	25	9
2021/22	57	27	8	5	41	15	8	32	43	32	20	2
2022/23	48	30	19	0	44	12	25	16	32	31	30	4
2023/24	41	30	20	6	41	19	25	13	30	30	33	4
2024/25	64	26	4	4	36	18	10	33	45	30	18	4

Student Learning survey - Grade 12 (%)												
	NQ16 - Do you feel welcome at your school?				Q26A - At your school, how many adults do you feel care about you?				S81 - Is school a place where you feel like you belong?			
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2021/22	65	26	6	0	74	7	8	7	41	33	20	3
2022/23	53	25	18	1	62	14	10	11	27	33	31	7
2023/24	69	23	6	0	60	23	5	9	44	39	12	1
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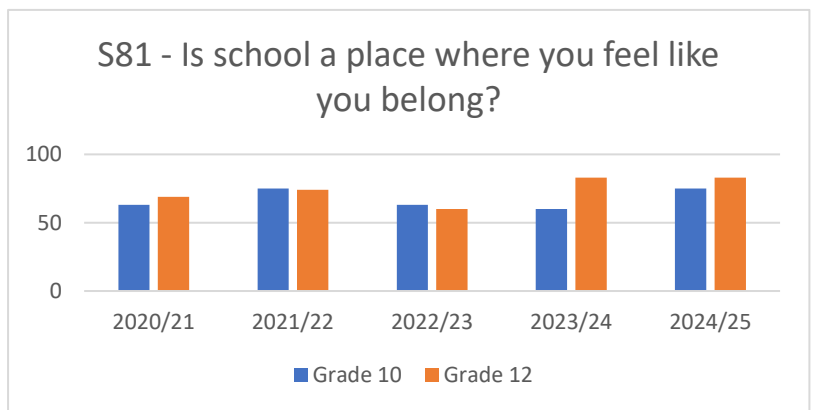
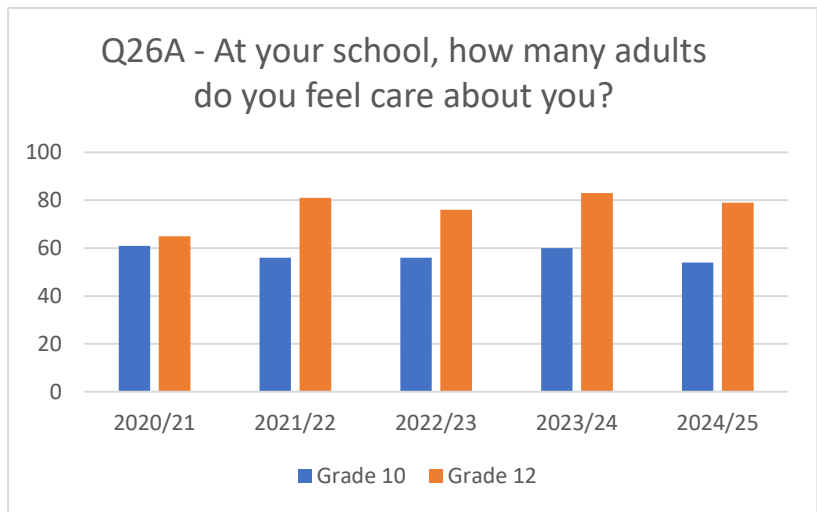
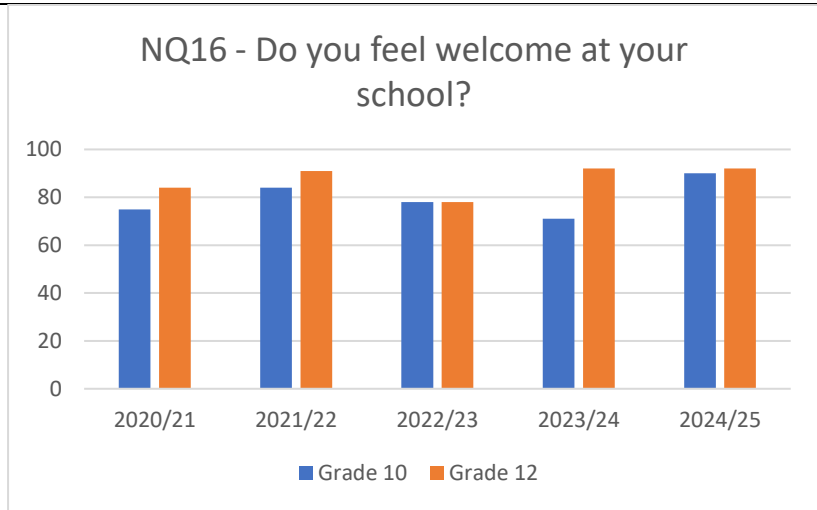
Data to Inform/Support Student Well-Being Goal:

Student Well-Being												
Student Learning survey - Grade 10 (%)												
	S128B - How would you describe your mental health?				S7 - At school, I am learning how to care for my mental health?							
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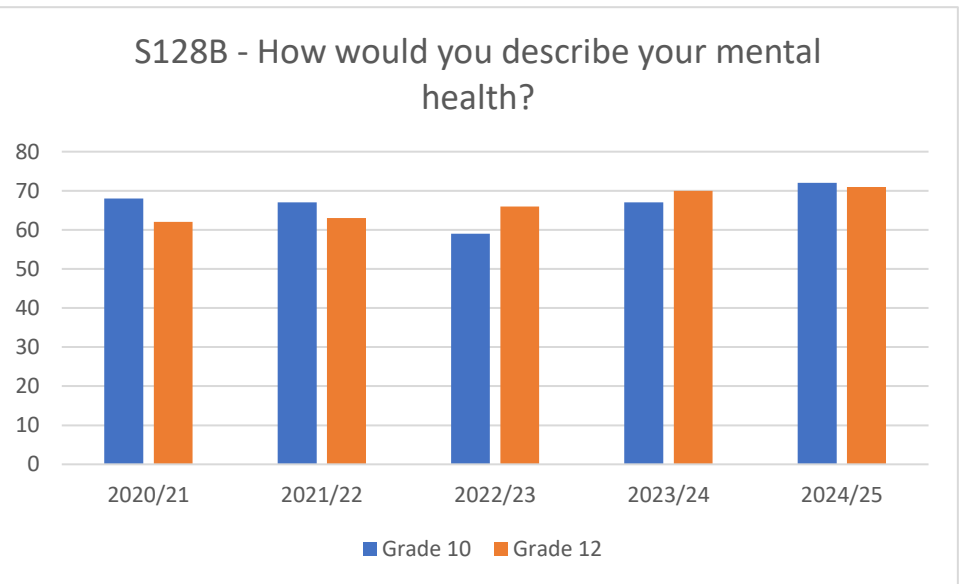
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Student Learning survey - Grade 12 (%)								
	S128B - How would you describe your mental health?				S7 - At school, I am learning how to care for my mental health?			
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2020/21	40	22	26	8	15	23	56	3
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Data Analysis/Narrative:	Data Analysis/Narrative:
<p>The 2024-25 data above show an increased sense of belonging and feeling welcome at school compared to the 2023-24 school year. However, still roughly half of the students at PVSS feel welcome at PVSS and also that they have at least 3 adults that care about them at school. While this is positive, there is much room for improvement as there are still roughly half of our students that that did not respond positively to these questions.</p> <p>The strategies implemented last year show early signs of success and we hope to continue the trend this year.</p>	<p>We continually hear from our students that they are struggling with their mental health. The data above from the student learning survey corroborates this but it is encouraging to see slight improvements when compared to the previous year’s data. We can do a better job as a school community teaching our students about mental health and strategies to promote positive mental health as less than 20 percent of students report learning these skills at school.</p>
<div><div>Strategic Priority: Career Development</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the School Learning Plan, the Human and Social Development goals must be connected to the School District No. 83 Strategic Priority goal – <i>Each student will develop the skills and competencies to be successful in a career pathway of their choice.</i>• In the secondary years, there are two goals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Career Exploration and Development: opportunities for dual credit programs, ensuring pathways of eligibility, ensuring access for priority learners...○ Meaningful Graduation: successful transitions from Grade 10-11 in Salmon Arm schools, graduation credentials that allow students to transition into the adulthood of their choice whether that is the workforce or post secondary, reduction in Adult Dogwood rates, reduction in rates of students taking Workplace Math, special attention to supporting priority learners...• Potential data sources include completion rates, Student Learning Surveys, Dual-Credit enrollment rates, processes for placement of students on Adult Dogwood and Evergreen tracks, exit interviews for graduates, post-secondary transition rates, grade to grade transition rates, course completion rates, per-student FTE...</div></div>	
Career Exploration and Development Goal:	Meaningful Graduation Goal:
<p>We will show annual increase of students participating in Dual Credit, Youth Train in Trades, Youth Work in Trades, and Work experience programs.</p>	<p>We will show annual increase of number of students graduating with a Dogwood and show an annual reduction of number of students graduating with workplace math 11.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer Career Life Connections as a Linear, Teacher supported class outside the timetable to ensure that all grads are receiving timely information and are not dependent on which semester they were scheduled in.• Take the year to plan how to return Career life Education to a grade 10 course that is offered as a whole semester course for students.• Create a timeline and activities, by grade, for the promotion of dual credit and other “new ways to graduate”.• Host a parent night to promote “new ways to graduate” opportunities.• Facilitate connections to local industry and businesses through the chamber of commerce.• Working with the Indigenous Education Worker and Learning Resource Teachers, personally invite indigenous students and students with diverse learning needs to participate in career exploration activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer a Transitional Math 9 course to assist students who have had difficulty in math to support the transition to Math 9 or Workplace Math 10.• Offer a Foundations of Math 11 course as an alternative to Workplace Math 11 for students who may not be successful in a Pre-Calculus 11 class.• Explore ways to provide academic support to all students either within the school day or outside of instructional time.• Continue to place students in math classes based on teacher recommendation and not student self-selection• Engage students in grade 10, 11 and 12 in reviewing their Diploma Verification Report to ensure that they are involved in their own assessment of on-track graduation.

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