



**COLEGIO REX**  
**Canadian School**

# ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT 2022 - 2023



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# ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT



The Annual Education Results Report for Colegio Rex Canadian International School for the 2022/2023 school year was prepared under the direction of the Board/Board of directors in accordance with the responsibilities under the Education Act and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act. The Board is committed to using the results in this report to the best of its abilities, to improve outcomes for students and to ensure that all students in the school authority can acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to be successful and contributing members of society. This Annual Education Results Report for 2022/2023 was approved by the Board on May 24 ,2023.

  
**Colegio Rex School Board**



## INTRODUCTION TO COLEGIO REX CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Colegio Rex Canadian School is situated in the city of Mazatlan, Mexico, often called, “The Pearl of the Pacific”. Mazatlan is a tourist destination with an expat population of around 20 000 Canadians. Mazatlan is also the shrimp capital of the world, has the longest boardwalk (21km) in Central and South America and is home to two sports teams, the Venados, (baseball) and the Mazatlan Futbol Club (soccer).

Colegio Rex Canadian School is a community of excellent Canadian and Mexican (SEP) teachers committed to creating a school that offers students a strong academic and value centered education. Alberta certified teachers teach the Alberta Curriculum while Mexican certified teachers teach the Mexican program (SEP *Secretaría de Educación Pública*).

Our program has a huge focus on literacy and numeracy in both English and Spanish while developing the personal values needed for success in our global world. Colegio Rex Canadian School staff use student centered learning opportunities and effective teaching strategies to provide engaging learning experiences for the students. This was the first year post pandemic that the students returned to school without masks or online learning.

Colegio Rex Canadian School will work with our students so that they can become critical thinkers and ethical citizens. Our core value program assists students to meet moral responsibilities and duties as citizens of Mexico.



## COLEGIO REX CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PROFILE

Colegio Rex opened as Mexican SEP school in 2011 serving students from preschool through to grade 9. In 2015 they applied for Alberta Accreditation and began the process with kindergarten and grade 1. Alberta Accreditation was received in 2018. Colegio Rex School is a dual track school in the process of changing to a single-track Alberta school. We currently have the Alberta/SEP Program from kindergarten to grade 9. In 2024, Colegio Rex will start a high school program starting with grade 10.

There are currently 307 students registered. We have an Early Childhood Centre where 2 - 4 year old children can come and learn in a bilingual setting.

As of September 2020, the focus of this program continues to be on the Reggio Emilia Philosophy along with a strong emphasis on English literacy. We have hired a Early Childhood teacher from Canada to teach the K1 program for three year olds and the K2 program for four year olds.

Colegio Rex continues to remain the only accredited international school in the State of Sinaloa.



# SCHOOL STATEMENTS

## Vision Statement

Colegio Rex Canadian School offers students a high quality bilingual program based on the Alberta Education Program of Studies and SEP (Secretaría de Educación Pública). Students who complete 12 years of study will receive two diplomas, one from Alberta Education and one from SEP.

## Mission Statement

To broaden the educational environment in our society with the solid commitment of offering quality services based in leading edge education, dynamism, significant learning and ecological awareness, while collaborating with the development of the region, contributing in the all-round development of children and young people, and making them capable of building their own knowledge, strengthening and promoting values and principles that will guide them to success.

## Belief Statement

Colegio Rex believes students will excel intellectually, emotionally, physically and socially. Our classrooms:

- are safe, caring, and inclusive learning environments that encourage risk taking
- encourage students to construct knowledge through successfully solving problems
- demonstrate positive student behaviors
- develop leadership potential in every student
- have strong connections to our communities and use community resources and expertise to enrich the classroom
- partner with other schools and universities in Canada
- place an emphasis on inquiry and project based learning
- ensure that numeracy and literacy are at the core of learning

# TRENDS

Since January 2023, we have achieved:

- **All recruited teachers** have been approved for the Teacher Certification Branch.
- We continue to work with the **Board** monthly which includes Artemio Pérez, Rocío González and Joel Gallegos.
- As of September, 2022, Ms. Rocio González has taken on the main role of **CEO** of the school. She has been very instrumental in making positive changes at Colegio Rex. Many repairs that have been required are completed such as a new gym, updated learning commons, book shelves throughout every very classroom, repairs on the playground, updated staffroom, repairs to air conditioners and more maintenance personnel have been hired.
- The **school website** is continually updated, now by a staff member.
- Teachers are informed of the **Teacher Quality Standards** and the process for evaluation which will involve AISCA for the third time this year. Three teachers will receive certification. Four teachers are on their first year towards certification.
- The Head of School/ Admission team meets with every **new family**, reviews previous reports and makes a recommendation. Should the student need extra support, the school will review its own resources and/or recommend that the parents support a monitor (EA). We have also started extra English, Spanish and math classes after school for students who require extra support.
- We continue to see a **healthy growth** in enrolment this year.
- We continue to see an increased enrolment of students from Canada and the United States, as well as Russia, China and many countries in South America. As a result of **families** choosing to work from home, families are moving to Mazatlan to give their children an opportunity to learn another language and culture. As well, the cost of living in Mazatlan is lower than Canada and the United States, which is a draw for parents.
- Parents are well versed in using their **school email** in order to receive school communications as well as emails from teachers and administrators.
- The students in primary also received **agendas** that are sent between home and school in order to enhance communication.
- We have continued the **Bring Your Own Device** to school in grades 3-9 which is allowing our students to continue to build onto the skills they learned through Google workplace as well as other online programs.
- In the fall of 2023, Colegio Rex started an **English Language Support** program for students from grade 3-9 who require extra support in the English acquisition. This program is operated during the school day.

# CHALLENGES

- Communication between two languages can be challenging particularly in parent-teacher meetings. It can also be frustrating for teaching partners that don't speak Spanish or vice versus speak English. There has been a great improvement and willingness over the years for teachers and staff to be come fluent in the second language.
- Students continue to be behind in their English language acquisition overall, a result of the pandemic.
- Every January, we are starting to see a trend of new enrollments (30 in January, 2023), which makes it difficult to hire new teachers at this time of the year. This is a result of the local and international community understanding that we are the only international school in Mazatlan.
- Scheduling for outdoor space is becoming challenging with the increase of classes and enrolments for PE and recess breaks.



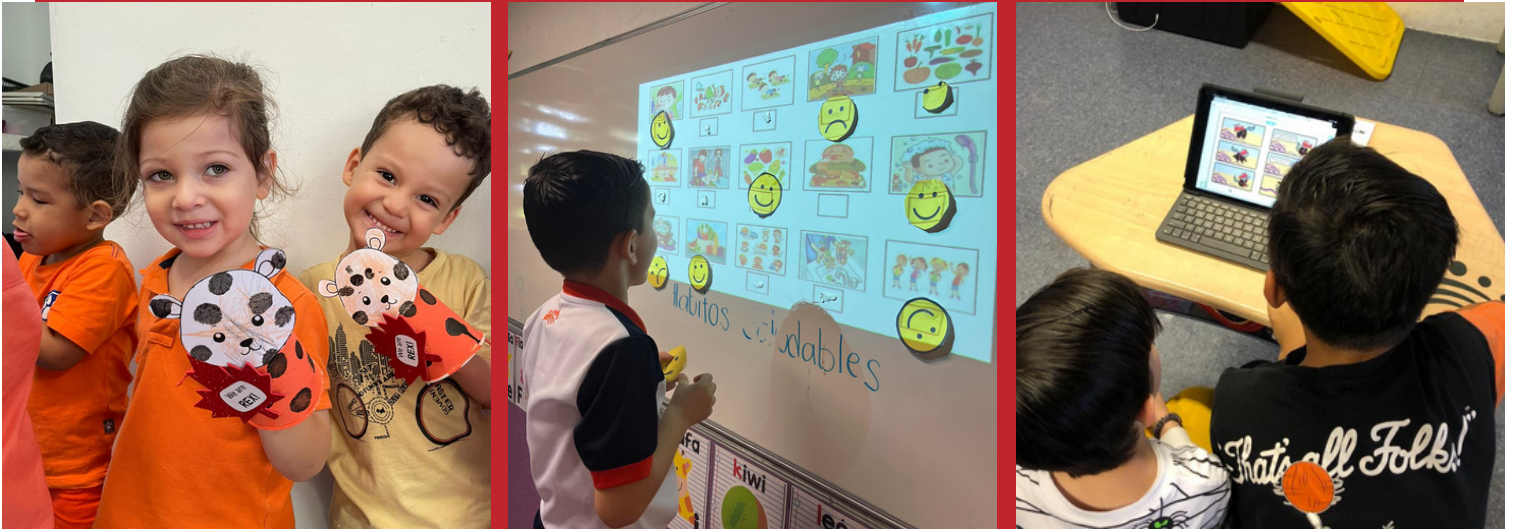


# SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- All teachers are **Alberta certified**.
- Grades 1-3 participated in the literacy and numeracy **assessments**.
- More students participated in the grade 6 **PAT exams**.
- New **resources** continue to be bought for math, science, particularly in Div. 2 and Div. 3.
- The Learning Commons underwent **renovations**. The collection continues to increase every year.
- Board member/owner, Ms. Rocio González has taken over the **CEO** role and has overseen many improvements in the school.
- The school gym and outdoor playground and courts have been **renovated**.
- An English Language **support program** has been implemented for students whose English language acquisition is behind.
- An extra **psychologist** has been hired to support students and families.
- Processes for the **admissions** team have been updated; including assessments and interviews.
- Extra **maintenance** staff have been hired.
- Extra **support staff** have been hired to support teachers in the classroom.

# SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- **Parents** continue to be informed daily, weekly and monthly regarding the progress of their children as each family has a school email address that teachers communicate in.
- Parents were introduced to the concept of "**Celebration of Learning**". After report cards, parents were invited to come to their child's class so that their children could show them what they were learning. These events were very successful with almost 100% attendance.
- All school **resources and materials** have been identified and organized.
- Four **student teachers** from St. Mary's University completed their 8-week practicum.
- Two of the pre-service teachers accepted **employment** at Colegio Rex for the 2023 school year.
- **Technology** at the school has improved with new infrastructure and a full-time employee/ technician that supports the school.
- A **new principal** has been assigned with the past Head of school continuing on as a mentor and support to the school.

# Spring 2021 Required Alberta Education Assurance Measures - Overall Summary

Assurance Domain	Measure	Proeduca de la Marina AC			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current result	Prev Year result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current result	Prev Year result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	<b>85.5</b>	84.1	84.1	<b>84.4</b>	85.1	85.1	n/a	Maint	n/a
	Citizenship	<b>73.5</b>	74.7	66.8	<b>80.3</b>	81.4	82.3	Inter	n/a	Accep
	3 - year High School Completion	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>80.7</b>	83.2	82.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	5 - year High School Completion	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>88.6</b>	87.1	86.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Acceptable	<b>n/a</b>	12	n/a	<b>n/a</b>	67.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>n/a</b>	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>n/a</b>	75.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	<b>n/a</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>n/a</b>	18.2	n/a	n/a		n/a
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	88.9	82.4	83.3	<b>88.1</b>	89.0	89.7	High	Imp	Good
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	<b>85.3</b>	82.9	85.9	<b>84.7</b>	86.1	86.1	n/a	Maint	n/a
	Access to Supports and Services	<b>70.9</b>	64.8	64.8	<b>80.6</b>	81.6	81.6	n/a	Maint	n/a
Governance	Parental Involvement	<b>57.8</b>	40.0	44.3	<b>79.1</b>	78.8	80.3	Very Low	Maint	Concern



# STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

- Eight students participated in grade 6 PAT's. They performed well on their exams in comparison to students in Alberta.
- Grade 1-3 students participated in the numeracy and literacy assessments and showed great improvement at the end of the year.
- Grade 1- 3 teachers implemented the new curriculum in Math, English Language Arts and health and Wellness.
- Parents continued to become familiar with subject outcomes from the Program of Studies. They also continue to receive weekly updates on what their children were learning in all curriculum areas.

## Measures/Outcomes

Teachers will be trained in Strategies on how to teach second language learners.	Teachers participated in PD days throughout the year. Many strategies and websites were shared on an ongoing basis. Professional development opportunities through the various Alberta PD consortiums was also shared. There was a high level of satisfaction amongst the teachers with PD opportunities.
Hire an Alberta Accredited teacher to teach K2 (4yr olds) and K3 (Kindergarten)	Teachers hired for both positions.
Grade 1-3 teachers will implement the new curriculum in math, English Language Arts and Health and Wellness.	Each teacher through the support of PD opportunities and purchased resources implemented the new curriculum.
Grade 3-9 students will bring their own device to school.	This is the second year that Colegio Rex has implemented bring your own device to school. Last year it was grade 6-8. This year it is grade 3-9.

# TEACHING AND LEADING

- The area of teaching and leading has greatly improved in the last year with a very cohesive and collegial staff. Both students and staff are very satisfied with the quality of education they were receiving.
- Students feedback from the surveys were very positive and felt their teachers were meeting their needs in and outside of the classroom.
- The leadership team continued to work together over the past year and continues to come to a deeper understanding of both the SEP and Alberta Education curriculums. Colegio Rex welcomed a new SEP, secondary principal from Mexico who is working towards attaining her Alberta Certification.
- More resources were purchased for the Learning Commons, classroom libraries, new curriculum, classroom materials and curriculum support.
- All teachers were certified with Alberta Education.
- The school developed an English Language Learning support program for students in grade 3-9. This is an in school support program that started in the fall of 2023.

## Measures/Outcomes

<p>All teachers will be certified by Alberta education.</p>	<p>Staff list submitted in September 2023 with fully certified teachers.</p>
<p>Colegio Rex will host four pre-service teachers from St. Mary's University.</p>	<p>Four pre-service teachers from St. Mary's University along with five cooperating teachers from Colegio Rex participated in an international practicum.</p>
<p>Colegio Rex will improve technology throughout the school to support Gr. 3-9 students and staff.</p>	<p>New technology infrastructure was implemented in the summer of 2023 and a new technology expert has been hired to support students and staff.</p>

# LEARNING SUPPORT

- Many new procedures were implemented in the area of Learning Supports , such as entrance exams for new students, required documentation from previous schools, one on one interviews, recommendation for extra English language support after school and hiring of extra teacher assistants.
- Teachers continue to access the Learning Support team which resulted in weekly meetings with parents to discuss the necessary supports for their children.
- After school English classes have also been implemented for students from grade 3-7.
- Student and teacher data shows that they agree that their learning environments are very welcoming, caring, respectful and safe.
- Colegio Rex hired another psychologist to support students.

## Measures/Outcomes

<p>Access to support &amp; services will increase with the hiring of extra personnel and improved processes.</p>	<p>Weekly meetings with the school psychologists, Admin. team and parents occurred weekly. Supports such as IPP's, School assistants/ monitors and recommendations for further assesment with outside agencies occurred monthly.</p>
<p>Welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments.</p>	<p>Each month, the school has focused on practicing a value within the school community. All members are treated respectfully. Feedback from students, staff and parents feel Colegio Rex is safe, caring and well respected.</p>

# GONVERNANCE

- Colegio Rex focused on bringing parents together to form a strong School Council that met each month. These meetings focused on discussing what the purpose of a School Council is and how a council can support the school. The council organized one fund raiser and one charity event throughout the year. They also learned more about the Alberta Education program.
- The Colegio Rex Board is very much in support of a strong council and parental input.
- Weekly curriculum summaries were sent to parents in English and Spanish. A monthly calendar was also sent in both languages. Weekly memos, now translated in both languages are also sent out to communicate events and important information about the school.
- Colegio Rex worked with AISCA to certify five teachers.
- The Administrative staff is developing a relationship with the administrative staff at the Canadian School in Guadalajara in order to share knowledge and last practices. They will be instrumental in helping Colegio Rex get ready for high school.

## Measures/Outcomes

<p>Colegio Rex will develop a relationship with the administrative team at the Canadian School in Guadalajara</p>	<p>The Colegio Rex Administrative team traveled to Guadalajara to meet with their team, tour the school and discuss best practices.</p>
<p>Colegio Rex will work with AISCA to ensure proper processes for teacher certification.</p>	<p>Five teachers received their permanent certification in 2023.</p>
<p>Develop a strong School Council.</p>	<p>A school council has been in place throughout the year with great support to the school community. The council met every month with the administrative team.</p>

## LOCAL AND SOCIETAL CONTEXT

- Colegio Rex Canadian International School is the only accredited international school in Mazatlan and in the state of Sinaloa.
- The majority of our students are Mexican Nationals residing in Mazatlán. Many families from Canada the US, China, Russia and South America are moving to Mazatlan because they are:
  - Able to work from a home office.
  - Want their children to learn another language and culture.
  - Find the climate agreeable.
  - The cost of living compared to Canada or the US is lower.
- Students attending Colegio Rex will eventually graduate with a high school diploma from both México and Canada.
- Apart from attaining these diplomas which open the doors to world universities and colleges, students will also be become bilingual in two languages; Spanish and English.
- The Education Plan was developed to enhance and support English Language aquisition in reading, writing and speaking at all grade levels. This will continue to be the focus for 2023-2024.
- The school continues to support students with:
  - Extra English Language Arts resources online as well as print.
  - Extra English classes after school.
  - Teacher assistants and /or monitors in classrooms.
  - Sufficient planning time.
  - Learning Support team.
  - Access to Level reading programs.
  - Access to Alberta Benchmarks along with PD.
  - Alberta consortium PD opportunities.
  - Resources and manipulatives to support curriculum outcomes.





# Supplemental Alberta Education Assurance Measures - Overall Summary

Measure	Proeducación de la Marina AC			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Diploma Exam Participacion Rate (4+ Exams)	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.5	n/a	56.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Drop Out Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.5	2.3	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
In-Service Jurisdiction Needs	96.3	31.8	46.9	82.2	83.7	84.3	VH	IS	Exc
Lifelong Learning	81.8	50.0	48.3	80.4	81.0	76.8	High	Imprv	Good
Program of Studies	63.4	56.6	61.9	82.9	82.9	82.6	VL	Maint	Conc
Program of Studies - At Risk Students	73.9	73.7	67.9	81.2	81.9	83.4	VL	Maint	Conc
Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	71.9	70.2	68.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Safe and Caring	88.4	84.7	80.7	87.5	88.8	89.1	VH	Imprv	Exc
Satisfaction with Program Access	58.9	33.6	38.6	72.9	72.6	73.9	VL	IS	Accept
School Improvement	81.3	57.3	65.1	75.2	74.2	77.9	VH	IS	Exc
Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	59.7	60.3	60.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Work Preparation	77.8	77.8	82.6	83.1	84.9	84.5	High	Maint	High



# PROGRAM OF STUDIES

- In the category of Supplemental Alberta Education Assurance Measures, Colegio Rex showed significant improvement in all areas.
- Students feel a high satisfaction in demonstrating knowledges, skills and attitudes for life long learning. They feel they have access to many programs, particularly because Colegio Rex is a bilingual school. Access to technology has improved. although there are no art, music and drama specialist teachers. Fine arts is integrated throughout the curriculum and students receive instruction for outside providers to help support the annual Christmas Gala, which focuses on fine arts.
- With the addition of an extra school psychologist and Learning Support team, the needs of students at risk are met much more quickly and efficiently.

## Measures/Outcomes

<p>All students will have access to technology</p>	<p>Students in grades 3-9 are bringing their own devices to school. Technology infrastructure has been updated. A school technology expert has been hired for students and staff.</p>
<p>Teachers will receive support with the new curriculum in math, English language arts, health and wellness.</p>	<p>Teachers in grade 1-3 have received support with the new curriculum in terms of PD as well as the purchase of new resources.</p>
<p>Students will participate in a gala which will showcase outcomes in finearts</p>	<p>Colegio Rex planned a magnificent Gala which included dance, dram and music. This event brought the whole school community together after three years.</p>

# SAFE AND CARING

- The school has maintained this area, which indicates that the school community felt safe and cared for. Students feel they are treated fairly by adults, cared for and respect each other and treat each other well.
- Parents feels that their children are well respected and cared for in the school and feel that Colegio Rex is like a family.

## Measures/Outcomes

The Learning Support Team along with the school psychologists will pan guest speakers and programs for the school community

The psychologist team brought in guest speakers on bullying, mental health, health and parenting classes for the school and community.

Special events will be planned throughout the year for students and families to participate in.

The school planned many events this year for students and their families: Halloween, El Dia de Los Muertos, Christmas Gala, Carnaval, Children's Day, United Nations Day, Celebrations of Learning, Math and Science Fairs and Mother's and Father's Day celebrations.



# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

- School improvement increased significantly over the course of the 2022-2023 school year. New infrastructure was put in place to meet the technology needs of the students, staff and school. The gym was renovated. The basketball court and pool were upgraded. All learning spaces received new bookshelves. Security cameras were placed throughout the school. More maintenance staff were hired for each floor. The school buses were repaired.
- The school was fully staffed for the Alberta program.
- Resources were purchased to supplement the new curriculum and new grades.
- Governance improved with the restructured Board and organizational chart.

## Measures/Outcomes

All teachers will be certified by Alberta education.	Achieved September 2023
Additional staff will be hired to support the school and students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An additional psychologist has been hired to support the Learning Support team.</li><li>- 4 more staff have been added to the Maintenance team.</li><li>- A Technology expert has been hired.</li><li>- Extra EA's have been added to support teachers in class.</li><li>- A learning Support Program for ELL learners started in September</li></ul>
Improvements will be made to the school structure.	The school gym was renovated. all learning spaces received new shelving. Repairs occurred throughout the school including the pool, basketball court, air conditioners, bathrooms, plumbing, electricity and security cameras.
Colegio Rex will develop a new school wide organizational chart.	In conjunction with the Colegio Rex Board, job descriptions were written for all of the administrative staff and placed in an organizational chart which helps to provide enhanced communications and responsibilities amongst the administrative team.

# WORK PREPARATION

Teachers and students agreed that they are taught attitudes and behaviors that will make them successful at work when they finish school.

Colegio Rex will form a partnership with Livingstone Range in Alberta in preparation of high school.

Colegio Rex invited the Administration from Livingstone Range School District in Alberta to come to do a parent presentation in Mazatlan. The school will also work with them to prepare for grade 10.

Colegio Rex will expand their Bring your own device to school starting in grades 3-9.

All students in grade 3- 9 now have their own personal device to incorporate in their studies throughout the day.



# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Colegio Rex Canadian International School is committed to engaging with all members of our school community. As we achieve our mission to engage and empower all learners so that students will gain the knowledge and skills to be contributing citizens, life-long learners and fully bilingual in Spanish and English, we will need to address effective ways of bridging perceived "gaps" in communication and involvement from our stakeholders.

Community assurance happens when we engage in cycles of continuous improvement within and across five domains:

- Student Growth and Achievement
- Teaching and Leading
- Learning Supports
- Governance
- Local and Societal Context

We endeavour to consider the insights of all our stakeholders, including:

- Students
- Student Council
- Parents
- Parent School Council
- Colegio Rex Board
- Principals, teachers, support staff
- Universities and Colleges of Alberta
- Partnerships with external schools

Colegio Rex relies on a multi-method approach to involve stakeholders in providing feedback:

- Review of all data measures government and local
- Active School Engagement with classroom
- Observations of classroom and school practices
- Review of local assessments and implementation of strategies to strengthen student learning.

# PHOTO GALLERY

