

## GOOD GOVERNANCE

To me, good governance should include elected men and women who make laws that are fair. They need to be open with the community and they also have to set goals and create a plan to achieve those goals. In Newfoundland there are four main things that make up good governance. They are authority, leadership, responsibility and accountability.

People who are elected can make good governance. In Newfoundland they make laws that you have to follow. The provincial government is responsible for a lot of different things. Some are education, justice, Health Services, and conservation. The elected people have to take responsibility when things go wrong. They also have to be fair in their decisions.

Our government have debates. Anyone can watch these debates. The Newfoundland government has a website. I went on the website and found out who look after the department of education. It was Hon. Clyde Jackman. You can even find the 2012 budget.

The Newfoundland government also set goals. Our premier's name is Kathy Dunderdale and she leads the government. Every year she has a big speech about next years plans. The government's plans work towards bigger goals. My town's new hospital is one of the government's goals.

In Conclusion, I've learned that the government in Newfoundland is very important to us. I learned a lot on their website. Some times I do not think they make the right decisions for our province, but most of the time they do. If I had to rate them out of 10, I would give them a 9 for good governance. Some times they have to be careful on spending money.

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