

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

School District No. 42

Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows



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Our Aboriginal Education program is guided by our
Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

The purposes of this agreement are to:

- Facilitate excellence and the success of all Aboriginal learners at all grade levels.
- Promote the importance of cultural education in order to increase the academic and social success of Aboriginal students.
- Meet the needs of Aboriginal learners by maintaining and expanding academic, trades and cultural programs where possible while providing the resources for success.
- Continue to build relationships in our schools that are welcoming and supportive of Aboriginal children, their families and the Aboriginal community.

Aboriginal Education Programs/Services

Parents are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal Support Worker at their school to confirm they are registered to receive one or more of the following programs and/or services:

- ❖ Ongoing cultural experiences and presentations
- ❖ Development of Academic Support
- ❖ Breakfast Club
- ❖ Graduation Program Monitoring and Intervention
- ❖ Capacity Building: Modelling of Pedagogies consistent with Aboriginal learning styles
- ❖ Home/School Communication
- ❖ Monitoring of attendance and progress
- ❖ Aboriginal Education Newsletter
- ❖ Homework Club
- ❖ IGNITE Technology Academy (Gr. 6)
- ❖ Youth Leadership Conference (Secondary)
- ❖ Aboriginal Career Fair along with graduation, post –secondary, and scholarship & bursary information
- ❖ A variety of Aboriginal cultural presentations and activities i.e.: directed drawing, carving, cooking etc.
- ❖ Annual Aboriginal Achievement Awards

Note: Not all programs are available in all schools

Aboriginal Education Support Team

Staff List

Aboriginal Resource Teachers

Alison Garneau	Elementary
Kara Troke	Elementary
Lisa Chew	Elementary
Aurore Chapiteau	Secondary
Jessica Knott	Secondary

Aboriginal Support Workers - Elementary

Anita Sandy
Janna Dahlin
Lisa Adair
Michelle Andrew
Monique Duclos
Robbi Lamour
Shannon Adams
Alanna Waunch (TD)
Jacob Jules (TD)

Aboriginal Support Workers - Secondary

Bev Charlie
Corinna Miller
Melanie UnRuh
Natalie Robertson
Patti Williams
Sherri Britton

Aboriginal Support Workers – Floats

Janice Desgagne
Leanne Fisher
Tia Longstaffe
Yvonne Desabrais

Aboriginal Resource Teacher's Role

The Aboriginal Education Resource Teachers provide support which is additional to any other programs and services to which an Aboriginal student is eligible. They are district resource teachers who provide a variety of services such as:

- Collaborate with classroom teachers to promote teaching methods consistent with Aboriginal learning needs.
- Assist with student identification/early intervention and school based assessments.
- Assist in planning, adapting and implementing individual and group activities to build Aboriginal students' self-esteem and academic success.
- Provide leadership and direction for Aboriginal Support Workers to support educational success for all Aboriginal students.

Aboriginal Support Worker's Role (ASW)

The Aboriginal Support Workers (ASW's) play a very important role in the success of ALL Aboriginal students. They work in one or more schools depending on the Aboriginal student population and need in each location. Consistent with the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Education, the support provided is additional to any other programs and services to which an Aboriginal student is already eligible. ASW's assist with the Aboriginal self-identification process in September and throughout the year. Help to foster a sense of belonging.

- Offer academic/cultural support in or out of the classroom.
- Monitor success plans for Graduation programs.

- Act as a liaison between home and school.
- Act as a cultural resource person.
- Provide information regarding opportunities for students of Aboriginal ancestry such as scholarships, employment, etc.

Aboriginal Community Resources

Aboriginal Min. of Children & Family

Development

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