



Celebrating Excellence in BC Education



The Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education were launched in 2018 to honour the outstanding achievements of public, independent and First Nations school system teachers, principals, vice-principals, administrators and support staff in the K-12 school system.

This year's winners were chosen from 140 nominated teachers, administrators and support staff and announced at a ceremony at Government House in Victoria on October 4. Winners of this year's Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education received a commemorative work of art by Claire Jorgensen, a 17-year-old Reynolds Secondary school student (SD 61, Greater Victoria). They also received a \$3,000 personal bursary for professional learning and a \$2,000 contribution to their school community for professional learning.

2019 Premier's Awards Videos

Videos for all the finalists and winners are now available on YouTube. Check them out!

Community Engagement

- **Winner:** [Alan Gee](#), Clarence Fulton Secondary School, SD 22 (Vernon)
- **Finalist:** [Casey Litton](#), Nechako Valley Secondary School, SD 91 (Nechako Lakes)
- **Finalist:** [Sheila Monroe](#), Okanagan Landing Elementary School, SD 22 (Vernon)

District Leadership

- **Winner:** [Lisa McCullough](#), Superintendent, SD 48 (Sea to Sky)
- **Finalist:** [Jordan Kleckner](#), District Principal-Learning Technology, SD 23 (Central Okanagan)
- **Finalist:** [Colleen Minnabarriet](#), Desert Sands Community School, SD 74 (Gold Trail)



Extracurricular Leadership

- **Winner:** [Scott Stefanek](#), École Brantford Elementary School, SD 41 (Burnaby)
- **Finalist:** [Sabha Ghani](#), Burnaby South Secondary School, SD 41 (Burnaby)
- **Finalist:** [Paul Lilly](#), École Chief Dan George Middle School, SD 34 (Abbotsford)

Indigenous Education

- **Winner:** [Jordan Smith](#), Twin Rivers Education Centre, SD 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)
- **Finalist:** [Maria Bruneau](#), École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School, SD 43 (Coquitlam)
- **Finalist:** [Ivy Chelsea](#), Chase Secondary School/Haldane Elementary School, SD 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)

Outstanding New Teacher

- **Winner:** [Grace Broadfoot](#), J.V. Humphries Elementary & Secondary School, SD 8 (Kootenay Lake)
- **Finalist:** [Robert French](#), South Central Interior Distance Education School, SD 58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
- **Finalist:** [Prabhjot Grewal](#), North Delta Secondary School, SD 37 (Delta)

Outstanding Support – Teaching Assistant

- **Winner:** [Sandra Breslin](#), Prince Charles Elementary School, SD 34 (Abbotsford)
- **Finalist:** [Elaine Bayles](#), Glanford Middle School, SD 61 (Victoria)
- **Finalist:** [Marie Kielpinski](#), Mount Boucherie Secondary School, SD 23 (Central Okanagan)

Outstanding Support – School Community

- **Winner:** [Wendel Williams](#), École Alpha Secondary School, SD 41 (Burnaby)
- **Finalist:** [Jodi Guy](#), École Phoenix Middle School, SD 72 (Campbell River)
- **Finalist:** [Dorothy Jones](#), A.L. Fortune Secondary School, SD 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

School Leadership

- **Winner:** [Troy White](#), École Kelowna Secondary School, SD 23 (Central Okanagan)
- **Finalist:** [Carol DeFehr](#), Juniper Ridge Elementary School, SD 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)
- **Finalist:** [Brett Hancock](#), District Principal-Learning Alternatives, SD 68 (Nanaimo)



Social Equity & Diversity

- **Winner:** [Chad Jobe](#), Vast Centre/Learning Alternatives, SD 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)
- **Finalist:** [Bryan Gidinski](#), Chaffey-Burke Elementary School, SD 41 (Burnaby)
- **Finalist:** [Antony Wilson](#), Mulgrave School (West Vancouver)

Technology and Innovation

- **Winner:** [Brendan Robertson](#), École Beairsto Elementary School, SD 2 (Vernon)
- **Finalist:** [Tammy Tomm](#), Columbia Park Elementary School, SD 19 (Revelstoke)
- **Finalist:** [Denise Underwood](#), McGowan Park Elementary School, SD 73
(Kamloops/Thompson)

For more information on the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education program, including information on the criteria for each category, visit www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation.