



B.C. Education on the World Stage



Close to 400 international delegates and B.C. education leaders and students met in Vancouver on May 22-24 to share ideas, discuss innovation in education and examine the skills students need to succeed now and in the future.

The achievements of B.C. students and the province's world-class education system were in the international spotlight on May 22-24 as top education policy-makers gathered in Vancouver for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Future of Education and Skills 2030 Project meeting and the B.C. Education Conference. The conference focused on innovative ways to ensure students around the world have the skills they need for success in the future. The Province's <u>renewed provincial curriculum</u> was featured as B.C. has implemented a generational change in curriculum and assessment, while achieving some of the world's best student outcomes.

B.C. is dedicated to maintaining its position as a global education leader, with students continuing to show top results in international assessments. British Columbia's new K-12 curriculum and assessments were created after extensive stakeholder consultations and collaboration with more than 200 B.C. teachers and local and international experts. The redesigned curriculum balances updated content with key competencies—communication, personal and social competence, collaboration and critical thinking skills—that are designed to prove valuable throughout students' lives and careers.

The new curriculum is also key to meeting government's commitment to true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. It embeds Indigenous knowledge and perspectives into all grades and subjects—from math to science to literature—to ensure the curriculum accurately and fairly reflects the rich history of Indigenous peoples in B.C. This is critical to bringing Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action to life. Seventeen Indigenous languages have already been approved to be taught in B.C. schools and more are in development. With increased supports and an improved, modern curriculum that accurately reflects the history of Indigenous peoples, B.C.'s Indigenous students are completing secondary school at the highest rate in history.

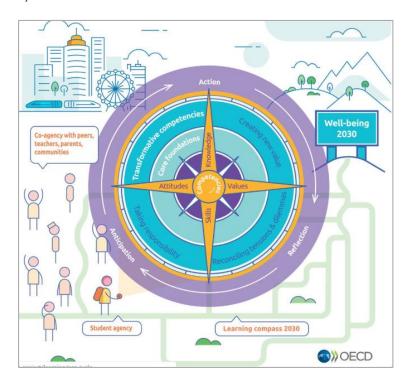






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The OECD launched an international rethink at the conference about the goals and competencies learners need to thrive in a world undergoing profound change. This launch marked the start of Phase 2 of its Future of Education and Skills 2030 Project, which aims to build common ground on the principles and instructional designs that can effectively implement the curricula needed to help students develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values they need to thrive in the future.



Learn More

- > Visit the <u>OECD Education 2030 Project: 9th Informal Working Group (IWG) meeting and B.C. Education</u>
 <u>Conference website</u> to learn more about this important event.
- > Download a copy of the Ministry of Education presentation at the B.C. Education Conference.
- > Check out what people at the conference had to say on **Twitter**.