



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

K-12 PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Supporting Indigenous Student Success,
Identity, Belonging & Futures*



Working together to support Indigenous students today and for generations to come.

Welcome

Kukwstsetsemc / Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Indigenous Education programs and opportunities in School District No. 73.

Our Indigenous Education team works alongside schools, families, local First Nations, and community partners to help support Indigenous students in ways that honour identity, belonging, relationships, and success.

Every student and family is unique. Some families choose to access many Indigenous Education opportunities, while others may choose only a few or even none at all. Participation in Indigenous Education programs and supports is always voluntary, and families will continue to be informed and involved when specific supports or referrals are being considered.

Our goal is to build respectful relationships with students and families and to help create welcoming spaces where Indigenous students feel seen, valued, connected, and supported throughout their educational journey.



Rooted in Secwepemcúl'ecw The Traditional Territory of the Secwépemc People

School District No. 73 is honoured to work and learn within Secwepemcúl'ecw, the unceded traditional territory of the Secwépemc People.

We recognize the long history, deep knowledge, and strong presence of Secwépemc Nations, communities, and families.

We are grateful for the lands and waters that continue to teach us, sustain us, and connect us.



Honouring
Identity



Strengthening
Relationships



Building
Belonging



Supporting
Success



Working Together
for Our Students



Indigenous Education Workers (IEWs)

Indigenous Education Workers help students build connection and belonging within the school community. IEWs may support students through encouragement, relationship-building, cultural learning opportunities, school engagement, and family-school communication.

IEWs often help students connect to culture, leadership opportunities, and positive experiences within the school environment. Families are welcome to reach out to their school if they would like to learn more about IEW support.



Indigenous Counselling Supports

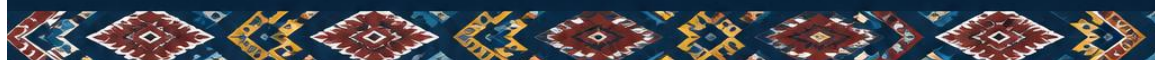
Some students and families may wish to access Indigenous clinical counselling support through school referral processes. These supports are intended to help students with emotional wellness, mental health, grief, regulation, or other challenges they may be experiencing.

Counselling referrals are not automatic and would only occur through conversation and consent processes with families and appropriate school staff.



We are here to walk alongside students and families.

Support is available when you need it, in the way that feels right for you.



Community Outreach & Family Support

Schools may work with Community Outreach Workers and Youth & Family Consultants to help support students and families who may benefit from additional connection, advocacy, or support.

This could include helping families navigate community services, supporting attendance and engagement, helping students through transitions, or connecting students and caregivers with resources both inside and outside of school.

These supports are offered in partnership with families and are intended to help strengthen student well-being and success.



Leadership, Culture & Student Voice

Indigenous students have opportunities throughout the school year to participate in leadership gatherings, cultural activities, student events, land-based learning, and district-wide opportunities that help build connection, confidence, and student voice.

This may include opportunities such as the Indigenous Student Leadership Council, cultural gatherings, student summits, Powwow participation, wellness activities, and other specialized events that celebrate Indigenous identity, leadership, and community.

Participation in these opportunities varies by school, grade level, and student interest.



Building
Leadership



Celebrating
Culture



Land-Based
Learning



Cultural Events
& Gatherings



Student Voice
Matters



Graduation & Future Pathways

As students move toward graduation, Indigenous Education staff may help support students with graduation planning, transition support, post-secondary exploration, scholarships, trades pathways, and connections to Indigenous student services at colleges and universities.

The district also hosts Indigenous Graduation celebrations and transition opportunities to help honour student success and support students as they move into the next stage of their journey.



Graduation Planning



Post-Secondary Exploration



Scholarships & Funding



Trades Pathways



Connections to Indigenous Services

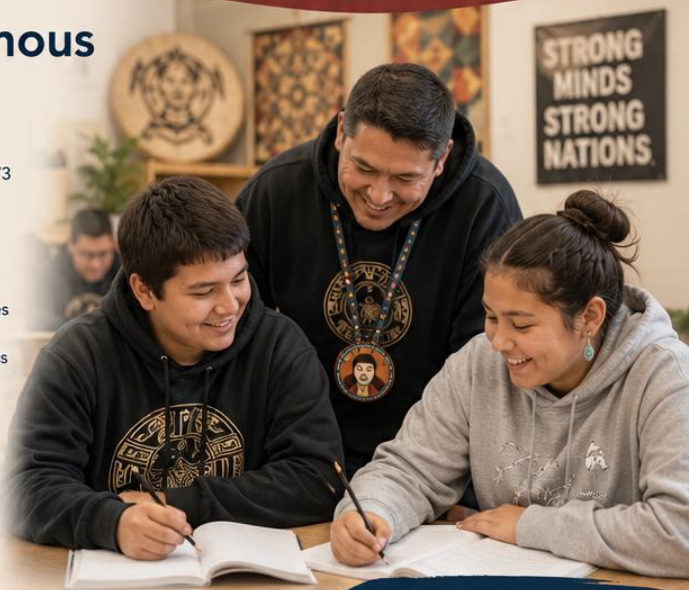


Secondary Indigenous Support Blocks

Many secondary schools within School District No. 73 offer Indigenous Support Blocks designed to help Indigenous students build connection, belonging, academic confidence, and success within the school environment.

These blocks may provide students with opportunities for academic support, goal setting, cultural learning, graduation planning, relationship-building, and access to Indigenous staff and supports within the school. Support blocks can also help students strengthen organization, attendance, engagement, and connections with peers and trusted adults.

Each school may structure Indigenous Support Blocks differently based on student needs, staffing, scheduling, and school programming. Participation is voluntary and developed in partnership with students, families, and school teams.



*Supporting today.
Empowering tomorrow.*

Honouring our students' journeys every step of the way.



Parent & Family Engagement

School District No. 73 values the important role that parents, caregivers, and families play in supporting student success and well-being.

Throughout the school year, the Indigenous Education Department and schools may offer a variety of family and parent engagement opportunities, including information sessions, cultural gatherings, workshops, celebrations, community events, and opportunities for families to connect with school staff and one another.

These opportunities are intended to help strengthen relationships, share information, celebrate student success, and support families in navigating school and community resources in a welcoming and respectful environment.

Families are encouraged to participate in ways that feel meaningful and comfortable for them.



Working Together

We recognize that trust is built through relationships, transparency, and respect.

Families always remain important partners in decisions involving their children, and we encourage parents and caregivers to ask questions, share concerns, and connect with school staff at any time.

If you would like more information about Indigenous Education programs, opportunities, or supports available at your child's school, please contact your school or the Indigenous Education Department.



Contact information is on
the School District 73 Website.
[https://www.sd73.bc.ca/
indigenous-education](https://www.sd73.bc.ca/indigenous-education)

Stronger Together,

for our students, for our families,
for our communities.



From Our Hearts to Yours

A Message from the Indigenous Education Department

We are honoured to walk alongside students, families, and communities on the journey of learning, growth, and belonging. Our work is grounded in respect, guided by relationships, and strengthened by culture. We believe every Indigenous student deserves to feel seen, valued, and supported—every day.

We are committed to creating welcoming spaces where students can build confidence, celebrate identity, and thrive in their education.

Together, we can help empower our students to carry forward their strengths, their dreams, and their connection to who they are.

Thank you for being an important part of this journey.



*We rise together.
We all succeed together.*

Our strength comes from our communities, our cultures, our languages, and our lands. When we walk in a good way—together—our students flourish and our communities grow stronger.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73

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